Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership for Independent Schools

This graduate certificate program serves the needs of directors, heads of schools, principals, and other professionals responsible for the management of independent schools. The certificate program comprises 15 graduate credits, with the option of applying them to the Master of Science in Education degree concentration in Educational Studies (33-39 credits). To be eligible for this program, candidates must be educational professionals employed in a K-12 independent school.

The Johns Hopkins Advantage

- A high-demand credential backed by rigorous preparation
- Nationally recognized faculty experts dedicated to empowering future field leaders
- Consistently ranked among the nation's top graduate schools of education

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the program will be able to:

- Gain a deep understanding of school budgets, general principles of budget development, and strategies for communicating budgetary issues
- Develop budgets for their schools that support faculty and staff in meeting instructional goals
- Communicate effectively to various stakeholders, including boards of directors, families, and staff
- Become more proficient supervisors and professional developers of teachers and staff
- Become more competent consumers and producers of research relevant to their roles
- Function more effectively and sensitively with faculty, students, staff, parents, and communities of diverse cultures and socioeconomic status
- Enhance and refine their management skills, including supervising personnel, strategic planning, conflict management, and fundraising
- Improve their application of policy and laws to emerging problems or issues
- Become competent instructional leaders through the analysis and use of data pertinent to their schools and their communities
- Build proficiency in the use of technology for instruction and administration
- Become effective mentors and supervisors for their faculty and staff
- Work effectively as part of a team and develop teams of teachers who provide participatory and democratic leadership to the school

Required Courses

The following five courses are required (for a total of 15 credits):

- 851.642 Leadership in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for Independent Schools
- 851.643 Supervision and Professional Development for Personnel in Independent Schools
- 851.644 Public Relations, Marketing, and Fundraising for Independent Schools
- 851.646 Business Management and Finance for Independent Schools
- 851.645 Governance of Independent Schools

Johns Hopkins School of Education

Established in 2007, the Johns Hopkins School of Education has quickly taken its place as a national leader in education reform through research and teaching. Grounded in the Johns Hopkins tradition of research and innovation, SOE is ranked among the top graduate schools of education in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.
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| **Admissions Requirements** | Every applicant must complete an online application, plus:  
  - Minimum 3.0 GPA in previous college-level coursework  
  - Official transcripts  
  - Two letters of recommendation  
  - Essay  
  - Resume  
  - SBO application fee |

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What are the overall goals of this program?**

This graduate certificate serves the specialized needs of directors, heads of schools, principals, and other leaders in independent schools, current or aspiring. Learning goals include gaining competency in critical areas such as curriculum, instruction, and professional development of teaching staff as well as fundraising, finance, and governance, including reporting effectively to boards on important issues and concerns.

**Are applicants eligible for certification?**

No. This program does not lead to state certification for teachers or administrators. It is designed for the professional development of private, independent school leaders. There is no recognized state certification associated with this program.

**How does this program differ from the Master of Science in Educational Studies/Independent Schools option?**

The MS in Educational Studies, Independent Schools option, focuses on the development of pedagogy skills and techniques that meets the unique needs of learners in independent schools. This graduate certificate focuses on cultivating leadership and management skills for independent school leaders and aspiring leaders. Applicants interested in administration and leadership who want to earn a master’s degree may combine this graduate certificate as part of the MS in Educational Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies option.

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