



GRADUATE STUDIES

Education



CHOOSE THE PROGRAM THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

Master of Arts in Education

This program is intended for current teachers and those seeking careers in education outside of teaching.

- Integrate key insights from educational philosophy with the latest research on curricular design and student learning
- Learn how to design effective and inclusive learning environments and master best practices to support diverse learners

Non-teaching graduates have worked in after-school programs, foundations and philanthropic organizations, educational non-profits, and private research firms and think tanks.

Master of Arts in Education with Education Policy Concentration

Students in the MA in Education with a Concentration in Educational Policy program will learn to:

- Critically analyze, craft and implement education policy
- Evaluate the impact of educational policy on students and teachers
- Advocate for more equitable and effective educational policy

This concentration prepares students for careers as policy analysts and program evaluators in government, advocacy organizations and non-profit organizations, including foundations, research organizations and think tanks.

Master of Arts in Education with Teacher Leadership Concentration

This program is designed for experienced educators who are interested in assuming greater responsibility for improving student engagement and learning while continuing to serve as classroom teachers.

- Hone instructional practice
- Strengthen leadership skills to support colleagues' learning
- Develop proficiency with data analysis and policy advocacy

A graduate of this program is prepared to serve as lead teacher, professional learning community facilitator, department chairperson, curriculum specialist, faculty mentor and data coach.

Master of Arts in Education with Higher Education Concentration

This program is designed to prepare students for careers in college and university settings, the public policy sector, and higher education research.

- Learn tools for critical analysis of and constructive solutions to relevant needs and issues in higher education today
- Develop foundational and functional competencies, including resource management, collaboration with internal and external stakeholders, and strategic planning

A graduate of this program is prepared to work in university offices such as development and advancement, diversity and inclusion, student affairs, academic advising, and athletics.



COURSES AND REQUIREMENTS

Each MA program allows students to take between 12-15 credits in elective courses. A wide variety of electives are available, including independent studies, one-credit workshops, and thesis courses that allow students to further tailor the program to their particular interests. Students may also complete up to 9 credits from another Villanova graduate program, such as Mathematics, English, History or Theology.

CERTIFICATES

With the completion of 15 credits in specified courses, students can earn a graduate certificate in **Teacher Leadership** or **Higher Education Leadership**. These credits may also be applied towards the master's degree.

CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION

With the completion of any 15 credits in graduate Education, students can earn a Certificate in Education, affording students maximum flexibility to craft a program that supports their interests and aspirations.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Our convenient one-credit workshops allow you to earn **Act 48** credits or work toward an MA in Education or a Certificate.

PK-12 PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION

This 18-credit program can be completed as a stand-alone PA certification or combined with our MA in Education. Upon completion of the program and passing the required state testing, educators will be eligible to be a principal in PK-12 schools within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

“As a result of my courses at Villanova, I have reflected on what it means to be a leader within my department. I also feel I have a stronger vision when it comes to my teaching philosophy and how I impact student learning.”

—Kelly Cenicola, Lower Merion School District

“I hear from so many of my colleagues that their grad classes involve busy work, and I’m so thankful that I don’t feel that way about my classes at Villanova. I have come away with something useful to my career in the classes that I’ve taken here. Thank you for giving graduate students course options that are actually relevant!”

—Gary Pester, West Chester School District

TUITION REDUCTION FOR TEACHERS

Villanova offers special tuition reductions for current teachers and school administrators:

40% for those employed by Catholic schools and
20% for those employed by non-Catholic schools.

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