Program Overview

In addition to our traditional on-campus program, Hood partners with Montgomery County Public Schools to provide an off-campus cohort program. The Educational Leadership Program provides two tracks to completion, a 36-credit Master of Science in Educational Leadership and an 18-credit Certification Preparation program for those who hold a master’s degree in a related education field. To be eligible for the partnership program between MCPS and Hood College for educational leadership, employees should have five or more years of classroom teaching experience and be tenured with MCPS.

Program Advantages

• Students begin and end the program as a learning community
• Courses are taken at county locations
• Courses are taught by current and former MCPS administrators
• Accelerated course format allows students to finish the master’s degree program in three years and the 18-credit certification program in two years
• Students are prepared for Admin I and II certification
• Hood ranks near the top of all schools in Maryland with principals from its program
• Students have a 99 percent passage rate on the SLLA (based on recently reported data)
• Discounted tuition rates

Upcoming MCPS Cohort Interest Meeting

* Inviting both Certificate & Master’s candidates

Thursday, February 13, 2020 - 4:30 PM to 5:30pm
Will be rescheduled to Friday, February 21, 2020 at 4:30pm in case of snow
Maple Room
MCPS Office of Human Resources
45 W. Gude Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

R.S.V.P to shea@hood.edu and on PDO using course #87670
Entrance Requirements

Application
Complete and submit the Graduate School application (available online at www.hood.edu/graduate). There is a $50 non-refundable application fee.

Transcripts
Request one copy of an official transcript reflecting your highest degree conferred. Transcripts should be sent directly from each institution to the Graduate School. GPA requirement is a minimum 2.75 undergraduate GPA.

Maryland Educator Certificate
Applicants must submit a copy of their MD Educator Certificate to confirm which program is appropriate, either the Master’s track or the certificate track.

Recommendation Letter
Students must submit a recommendation letter from their current employer. Students new to a school or supervisor must submit letters from both their current and previous supervisors. Letters can be submitted via mail or e-mail to gofurther@hood.edu.

Interview
Applicants to either track of the Educational Leadership Program must complete an interview with the program director. At this interview, applicants will review all program requirements and receive answers to their questions about program participation. During the interview process, applicants will be asked to write an essay using a prompt of a leadership nature.

Program Requirements
All courses are required for the M.S. program. Classes denoted with an * are required for the certificate program.

EDUC 502 Using Technology and Learning - Must be taken as first course in the program.
EDUC 577 Introduction to Educational Research
EDUC 581 Research-based Teaching, Learning, Assessment
EDUC 582 Educational Philosophy in a Diverse Society
EDUC 513 School Law*
EDUC 514 Administration of Pupil Services
EDUC 578 Educational Leadership and Group Dynamics
EDUC 583 Principles of Curriculum Development and Appraisal*
EDUC 584 Systematic Change Process for School Improvement*
EDUC 568 Principles of Educational Supervision*
EDUC 589 School Business and Personnel Administration*

Prior courses must be completed before internship
EDUC 587/8 Elementary/Secondary School Administrative Internship*

Contact
For more information about the Educational Leadership program, please refer to the college catalog at www.hood.edu/graduate or contact:

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