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POSITIVE
CHANGE**

MONTCLAIR
STATE UNIVERSITY

College for Education and Engaged Learning

MONTCLAIR'S MA IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

SCHOOL LEADERS INSPIRING POSITIVE CHANGE

The Educational Leadership program at Montclair State University blends authentic work within schools, a strong theoretical foundation, and a rigorous grounding in research to prepare visionary and reflective leaders.

"It's always apparent who went through the Montclair program when working in the field. There's just such a level of expertise that comes along with its preparation of students."

—Harold Abraham '11, '15
MA, school administrator
and Educational Leadership
faculty member

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Social justice and equity leadership
- Authentic work in schools
- Integration of theory and practice
- High-quality leadership preparation
- Collaborative learning
- One-to-one student success advisors
- No GRE required
- Employer reimbursement eligible
- Rolling application deadline
- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) reciprocity with select member states

PATHWAYS:

- Core Choice
- Fast-Track
- Fully Online
- Off-Site
- Off-Site at Union College





WHO IS MONTCLAIR'S MASTER'S IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP RIGHT FOR?

ALL EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

Made for Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Speech Pathologists, School Psychologists, School Counselors and others who hold a Department of Education credential.

Our program will equip you with a comprehensive understanding of educational systems, leadership theories and effective management strategies.

THOSE WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND

Integrate classroom-based studies with extensive and intensive fieldwork to hone and perfect your skills. You will gain a deep understanding of educational practices and strategic leadership skills necessary to drive meaningful change within your institution.

You can also qualify to obtain the "School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility."

POST-MASTER'S LEADERS

For students already holding a master's degree, the program offers advanced certifications in the areas of Supervisor, Principal and Director of School Counseling.

Additionally, you can transform yourself into a more effective teacher leader and a grade-level team leader with the skills and knowledge essential to guiding your peers and fostering educational excellence.

Our
Educational Leadership
program consists of
65% women
and 35% Black and
Hispanic students

DIVERSITY-MINDED INDIVIDUALS

Montclair's master's degree in Educational Leadership teaches you knowledge and skills to effectively address the diverse needs of students and promote inclusive practices within educational settings.

Montclair consistently ranks among the best universities for supporting diverse populations.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Take your passion for education to new heights and transform your professional journey with Montclair's Master of Arts in Educational Leadership.

Earn a Standard Supervisor Certificate as well as Principal and School Administrator Certificates of Eligibility in as few as 14 months.

Montclair State University's online Master of Arts in Educational Leadership program has been ranked No. 1 in New Jersey and No. 15 in the nation in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2024 Best Online Programs rankings.

The Educational Leadership program's Educational Administration and Supervision concentration ranks among the best in the nation in *U.S. News & World Report* 2024's specialty areas results, coming in at No. 15.



Our students gain the knowledge and skills needed to take on leadership positions in their schools and at the district offices. Job titles of our graduates include:

- **Principal**
- **Supervisor**
- **Superintendent**
- **Assistant Superintendent**
- **Vice Principal**
- **Assistant Principal Director**
- **Director of Special Services**

Source: <https://www.nj.gov/education/certification/leaders/index.shtml>

“The program provided all the necessary resources, the schools of thought, the methodologies, the modeling... I learned transparency, communication and clear expectations.”

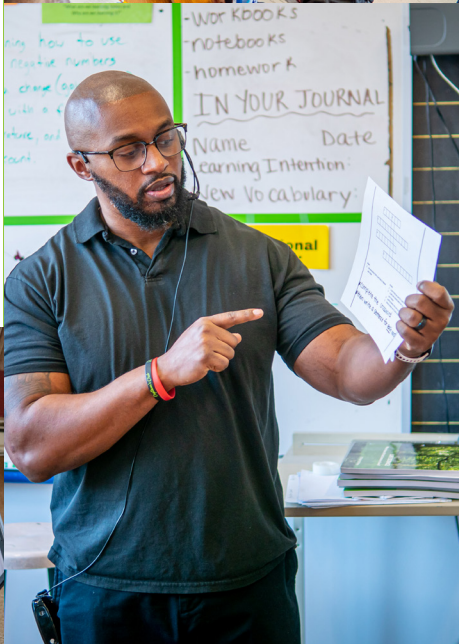
—Damein Phoenix, Assistant Principal,
Glen Ridge High School



MANY WAYS TO YOUR MA

“One of the reasons I decided to pursue the Educational Leadership degree at Montclair is because it would allow me more professional opportunities. I wanted to continue my education to move into a more administrative or supervisory role.”

—Melissa Avgerinos
Assistant Principal
Oradell Public Schools



CORE CHOICE

- Offers the most flexibility of all our graduate programs in Educational Leadership.
- Select your pace and course format.
- One to four classes in a given term to work within your schedule and budget.
- Diverse number of formats: online (eight-week sessions), hybrid (including weekends) and campus-based instruction.

FAST-TRACK

- Earn the full master's degree with both Principal and Supervisor certifications (if eligible) in 14 months while working full time.
- Cohort-based program runs on a summer-to-summer time schedule (apply for fall or spring starts to begin the Fast-Track Program early before the program begins in earnest during the subsequent summer).
- Classes offered on select weekends and evenings in both online and hybrid formats.
- Three courses a semester but only two at a time.

FULLY ONLINE

- New Jersey's highest rated graduate education online program, *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Mostly asynchronous online course schedule provides convenience and flexibility.
- Offers student engagement within an online format.
- Most courses are approximately eight weeks.

OFF-SITE

- Onsite at districts that have chosen to partner with Montclair, allows students to take their classes close to where you live or in the district where you work.

OFF-SITE AT UNION COLLEGE (36 CR.)

- Begins fall semester with students taking one course at a time, completing two eight-week hybrid courses per semester.



Dan Barcia, The Graduate School speaker during Montclair's 2024 Winter Commencement, urged graduates to challenge societal norms and change the world. "Never falter in your efforts to make this world a place we all deserve to belong to. Consider this a call to action, a heartfelt plea to keep fighting for a better world – for all of us."

ABOVE ORDINARY

"Pursuing a fully online master's program provided me with the flexibility to balance my studies with existing commitments. The format allowed me to tailor my learning environment, engage with diverse perspectives through virtual discussions, and develop valuable digital communication skills.

Additionally, the accessibility of online resources facilitated independent research and enhanced my overall educational experience by allowing me to work how and when I wanted to."

–Dan Barcia '24 MA

Dan Barcia was honored as The Graduate School speaker during Montclair's 2024 Winter Commencement. A first-generation student who earned his master's in Educational Leadership, Barcia works as Dean of Students within the Newark Public Schools district.

"Being an educational leader has always been a goal of mine and I couldn't think of a better program than Montclair's. I have heard various accounts and points of views held by colleagues who attended many different programs, yet all would speak highly of Montclair. Ultimately, I chose it because I was interested in the rigor I had heard about and the opportunity to learn from and work with some of the great staff that work within the program."

SCHOOL LEADER TEACHES FUTURE LEADERS

Montclair's master's in Educational Leadership played an instrumental role in shaping Harold Abraham's journey as a dedicated school leader. "Several key aspects of this program have left an indelible mark on my professional growth, making it an exceptional choice for aspiring educational leaders," he says.

The dedicated professors at Montclair stand out for their commitment to personalizing the learning experience, Abraham says. "Their unwavering support and guidance foster an environment where each student's unique talents and aspirations are acknowledged and cultivated. The emphasis on real-life experiences is another distinguishing feature of the program, ensuring that future school leaders are equipped with practical skills and insights that transcend theoretical knowledge."



"Throughout my time in the program, and even as I transitioned into my leadership career, I have been able to draw upon a vast and supportive network established during my tenure at Montclair. This network has proven invaluable, providing ongoing collaboration, mentorship and a shared commitment to advancing educational leadership."

Educational Leadership master's program graduate, Harold Abraham '11, '15 MA, is now among the school leaders teaching in Montclair's program.

WINNER: 'OSCARS OF TEACHING'

It's little wonder that Taylor Trost's abilities and potential caught the attention of the Milken Family Foundation, which presents annually a prestigious national honor recognizing outstanding educators. Trost has been on a fast track to leadership, stepping into the lead teacher role in her second year in the profession.

When she began thinking about the next steps on her career path, she looked to her school's administrators for guidance. "My principal recommended Montclair's master's program in educational leadership," says Trost, a fourth grade teacher at Grace Norton Rogers Elementary School in Hightstown. "I trusted her advice. I liked that the program was fully online."

Trost, a 2023 graduate, says the MA in Educational Leadership "was rigorous but flexible. The cohort approach created a support system, making it a more social experience than I had expected. We still have group chats to share ideas and opportunities."

The graduate-level coursework prepared Trost to translate her classroom creativity – which included innovations such as a pretend campfire circle to nurture her student's storytelling abilities – into larger initiatives.

Now, when Trost sees an opportunity or wants to develop a new idea, she is better able to move forward. "I have the tools to make more of an impact," she says.



Dr. Jane Foley, senior vice president of the Milken Educator Awards, left, congratulates Taylor Trost '23 MA, a 2023 Milken Educator Award recipient. The honor comes with an unrestricted cash prize of \$25,000.

"I learned so much about the educational landscape as a whole. It was a lens that I didn't have before. We explored equity in schools, leadership schools, and what goes on behind the scenes in a school or district, from logistical aspects to legal ramifications and state mandates. I learned about the experiences of teachers in other communities and grade levels."

–Taylor Trost '23 MA

"One of the things I really liked most about the program was the opportunity to connect and network with people around the state," says Tiffany Cohen, who advanced to a Supervisor position after earning her MA in Educational Leadership.

"As an effective science teacher, I felt that attending this master's program gave me the tools to help teachers make better lessons and be better educators. That was the inspiration for me to go back and get my master's."

*– Tiffany Cohen '11 MA
Supervisor, Supervisor and Applied Technology
Northern Highlands Regional High School*

A HISTORY BEYOND EXCELLENCE

The first students trained in the science of education pose for an early photo at the New Jersey State Normal School at Montclair.

Since its beginnings more than 116 years ago as a teachers college, Montclair has been a leader in teacher education.

Today, the University is at the forefront of reversing a national teacher shortage – felt most in inner cities and in science and math – in part, with innovative, federally funded teacher preparation initiatives such as the Newark Montclair Urban Teacher Residency Program and the Red Hawks Rising Teacher Academy, cited by the U.S. Department of Education as a model program for how to address the nationwide shortage of teachers in urban districts.

U.S. News & World Report ranks Montclair among the nation's top 100 graduate schools for education and places its graduate programs in both Elementary and Secondary teacher education among the top 20 in the country – a distinction unmatched by any other New Jersey institution.

Whether you're ready to start your application or just trying to learn more about the Educational Leadership program at Montclair State University, don't hesitate to reach out – we're here to help.

Learn more about the MA in Educational Leadership

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