Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College of California

INCLUSIVE, GLOBAL, TRANSFORMATIVE

Here at the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary’s, we are guided by the Lasallian tradition: “Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve.” Our faculty is committed to the core principles of social justice, quality education and inclusive community, emphasizing the skills of critical thinking, effective communication and creative problem-solving. We offer challenging opportunities for students to experience professional practice.

Our students are:

- Challenged by a curriculum that integrates research-based practices with opportunities for experience in professional settings
- Guided by an interdisciplinary faculty who excel in teaching, scholarship and service
- Supported by a staff attuned to the unique needs of active professionals
- Networked with a cohort of peers who bring diverse perspectives to the exploration of real-world problems
- Transformed by learning experiences that emphasize inquiry, reflection, ethical values and social justice

- **Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)**

Educational leaders face unprecedented challenges today. Reduced funding, new regulatory demands, a widening achievement gap and increasing diversity of learners are but a few of the issues they must address. At the same time, the potential for education to change the lives of students, their families and their communities has never been greater. Saint Mary’s College Kalmanovitz School of Education’s Doctorate in Educational Leadership offers a dynamic curriculum designed to develop leaders who can tackle today’s challenges with creativity, courage and competence. Additionally, graduates emerge from the program committed to advocacy and action, attentive to issues of social injustice and dedicated to advancing leadership in underserved communities.

“The decision to enter the School of Education changed my professional life dramatically. … The program is flexible, individualized and the schedule is geared towards working professionals. The faculty serve as guides in intellectual development and are accessible, personally involved and bring a great breadth of experience to the program.”

- Kevin Horan, Ed.D. graduate, Executive Dean at Diablo Valley College, San Ramon, CA campus

The Kalmanovitz School of Education is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and offers well-respected credential programs approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the American Montessori Society. The College is a member of the California Council on the Education of Teachers and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.
The Ed.D. Program consists of 54 units of coursework and 6 units of dissertation research and writing. Coursework, including dissertation preparation, is completed in three years during which classes meet 18 weekends (Friday evening plus Saturday) spaced throughout each year with breaks in summer and winter. This is followed by a yearlong significant applied research project aimed at transforming educational practice.

**Sample Course List**
- Leadership for Equity
- Leadership Perspectives on Public Policy
- Organizational Theory
- Organizational Change and Innovation
- Systems Thinking
- Values and Ethics
- Learning and Leading
- Leadership Theory to Practice
- Qualitative Research
- Quantitative Research
- Data-Driven Decision Making

**Admissions**
Application materials should be received by December 15 for timely admission to the June 1 cohort of the following year. Later applications will be considered, as space sometimes becomes available. The cohort accepts a maximum of 25 students. For further information, visit our website at: stmarys-ca.edu/soe or contact the program assistant at (925) 631-4690.

**Admissions requirements include:**
- A completed application form and fee (apply online at: stmarys-ca.edu/soe-apply)
- A Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- A graduate grade point average of 3.5 or better (or evidence of comparable academic achievement or potential)
- Official transcripts of all academic work
- A resume or curriculum vitae
- Three confidential letters of recommendation from supervisors or other persons familiar with the applicant's professional work and potential for advanced study
- A formal interview with a member of the program faculty
- An on-site writing sample
- Official test scores: choice of GRE (combined Verbal and Quantitative) or MAT. For international applicants who are non-native speakers of English, the TOEFL is also required.
- Evidence of current health insurance and results of a tuberculin test (within the last four years)

“I no longer view my role as a manager or a traditional leader but as a catalyst for empowerment of teachers and students.” - Vicki Eversole, Ed.D. graduate, Principal, Mt. Diablo Unified School District

**Financial Aid & Scholarships**
The Financial Aid process begins by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at: fafsa.ed.gov (Saint Mary's College Title IV code is: #001302). Prospective students should also complete a Saint Mary's Financial Aid application, available on Saint Mary's website. To ensure maximum consideration for all programs, students are asked to contact the Financial Aid Office at (925) 631-4370, or the Kalmanovitz School of Education at (925) 631-4149 with any questions.