

# Education Policy

## Graduate Certificate



### PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Examine, discuss, and address education policy challenges confronting policymakers today. Navigate the public education policy process in federal, state, and local settings.
- Identify and apply relevant research to inform and impact education policy.
- Facilitate collaboration across sectors in improving public education outcomes.
- Engage with policymakers and stakeholders to help shape and influence education policy.

### PROGRAM FEATURES

- Focuses on the study of education policy, including how decisions are made at various levels of government, how decision makers use educational research and evidence, and how to influence the decision-making process. Faculty include former Virginia secretary of education Anne Holton and nationally recognized scholars Matthew Steinberg and David Houston.
- Ideal for anyone interested in graduate studies in education policy, regardless of prior experience.

### FORMAT

- 15 credits, earned in five 3-credit courses
- Evening classes at the Arlington campus, just minutes from DC at the Virginia Square/GMU metro station
- All credits may apply to the Master of Public Policy program in the Schar School of Policy and Government (subject to program approval)

#### New students

begin classes in August,  
January, or May

## COURSE WORK

- o **EDPO 600** History of Education Reform
- o **EDPO 601** P-12 Policy Challenges
- o **EDPO 602** Higher Education Policy
- o **EDPO 603** Conflict and Consensus: Education, Interest Groups and Advocacy
- o **EDPO 604** Education Policy Implementation

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- o Professional resumé or CV
- o Goals statement: 750-1000 words, describing your academic and career goals related to the intended program
- o Transcripts: unofficial transcripts for application review, and official documents for any international credentials
- o Two letters of recommendation: professional or academic in nature
- o Have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, or international equivalent
- o Have earned a minimum 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale in baccalaureate study
- o International students may have to meet additional requirements, visit [go.gmu.edu/GradFAQ](http://go.gmu.edu/GradFAQ) for details

Application Deadlines			
	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
<b>Priority deadline</b> (application guaranteed to be reviewed)	April 1	November 1	February 1
<b>Space-available deadline</b> (applications will be reviewed until the program is full)	August 1	January 1	May 1

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## FUNDING OPTIONS

15 percent discount for qualified Virginia educators

Approximately 40 percent tuition discount for out-of-state graduate students

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