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Dear MA-EL, Ed.S., and FastTrack Students,

I hope your semester is going well and that you are finding meaningful connections between your coursework, professional experiences, and personal goals. As we approach the end of the term, I would like to take a moment to share an important update regarding our faculty and invite your feedback on the program.

Dr. Jankens will be on sabbatical during the Spring 2026 and Fall 2026 semesters. A sabbatical is a period of approved leave granted to faculty members to pursue advanced study, research, writing, or professional development that enhances their teaching and scholarship. During this time, Dr. Dionne will be available to answer any questions regarding certification. Please do not hesitate to contact him if you require assistance in these areas.

In the newsletter, you will find information on upcoming courses, applying for certification, MTTC testing update, and important dates.

Lastly, your experience as a student is central to the continued improvement of our program. To help us better understand your perspectives, we invite you to complete a short survey to share your feedback on key program elements, what's working well, and where we can continue to grow. Your insights are invaluable and help us shape a program that best meets your needs. You can read the questions on pages 5 and 6.

[Click here to complete the survey by January 9, 2026](#)

Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to your professional growth.

Warm regards,
Dr. Gina Wilson
Program Director, MA-EL and Ed.S program
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Please contact the Program Director, Dr. Gina Wilson
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UPCOMING COURSES

For assistance with course registration, please contact Colleen Zeh at zeh1cm@cmich.edu.

Spring 2026

MA-EL/Ed.S Building Level Cert.

- EDL 661
- EDL 662
- EDL 765
- EDL 773

Ed.S/Central Office Certification

- EDL 773
- EDL 760
- EDL 765
- EDL 775

Summer 2026

MA-EL/Ed.S Building Level Cert.

- EDL 656
- EDL 690

Ed.S/ Central Office Certification

- EDL 751
- EDL 766

EDL 699 Leadership Internship is offered every semester.

COURSE INFORMATION

PK-12 EDL are here to help!

Dr. Paula Daniels, danie1py@cmich.edu
Internship support

Dr. Gregg Dionne, dionn1g@cmich.edu
Internship and SLL support
Certification Tests & Applications

Dr. Gina Wilson, wilso2ga@cmich.edu
General Program Support/Student Advising



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THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY
SEMESTER.**



CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

In addition to your certification courses, the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) is a new MDE-required assessment for administrator certification (ES and CO) effective January 1, 2025. All certification candidates are now required to take this assessment to fulfill certification requirements. Please contact Dr. Dionne (dionn1g@cmich.edu) or Dr. Wilson (wilso1ga@cmich.edu) for questions regarding the MTTC test and certification.

Applying for Administrator Certification:

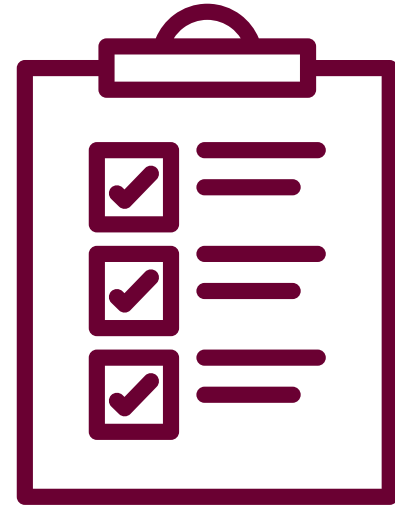
Once you have completed your courses, internship, and taken your MTTC test, you will be eligible to apply for Michigan Administrator Certification.

This is done through the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) secured site (link below), the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS). Make sure to select NEW/ADD Administrator Certification ES or CO.

Once the application is received, you will go through a documentation review, and an electronic copy of your certification will be issued. If all the documentation is complete, the review should take no more than a couple of weeks to process.

Please reach out to Dr. Dionne with any certification questions.

Dr. Dionne
dionn1g@cmich.edu



Registration for MTTC test:

To register for your intended test(s), log in to your account on the MTTC website, www.mttc.nesinc.com, and select "Register" to begin registration for your test.

This site also provides test prep materials, including a practice test (free with registration).



SURVEY QUESTIONS AND LINK

[Link to Survey](#)

Program Information

1. What degree program are you completing?
 - ☐ Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (MA-EL)
 - ☐ Specialist in General Administration (Ed.S)
 - ☐ FastTrack to Certification Program
 - ☐ Write-in: _____
2. What certification program are you completing?
 - ☐ Elementary/Secondary Administrator Certification (Building Level/Principal/Head of School)
 - ☐ Central Office Administrator Certification (District Level)
3. How many credits have you completed in your program?
 - ☐ 0-6
 - ☐ 7-12
 - ☐ 13-18
 - ☐ 19-24
 - ☐ 25-30+

Advising & Academic Support

4. Which of the following statements reflect your experience in the program?
(Select all that apply.)
 - ☐ I am satisfied with the availability of my advisor.
 - ☐ I am satisfied with the clarity of guidance I receive about program requirements.
 - ☐ I am satisfied with the support I receive when I have questions or concerns.
 - ☐ I am satisfied with how advising helps me plan for program completion.
 - ☐ I am satisfied with communication related to course scheduling and sequencing.
5. Please provide any feedback or comments related to your advising experience:

Course Design & Structure

6. Which of the following statements reflect your experience with course structure and assessments?
(Select all that apply.)
 - ☐ I am satisfied with the clarity of course expectations.
 - ☐ I am satisfied with the organization of course content in the learning management system.
 - ☐ I am satisfied with the consistency of instructions and deadlines provided.
7. Please provide any feedback or comments related to course design and structure:



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Assessment & Feedback

8. Which of the following statements reflect your experience with assessment and feedback?

(Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Clear expectations
- ☐ Assignments that are meaningful and connected to leadership practice
- ☐ Timely, specific, growth-oriented feedback
- ☐ Opportunities for revision or reflection

9. Please provide any feedback or comments related to assessment and feedback:

Relationships & Sense of Belonging

10. Which of the following statements reflect your experience with relationships and sense of belonging?

(Select all that apply.)

- ☐ I feel seen, valued, and supported in the online classroom.
- ☐ There are intentional trust-building activities between faculty and students.
- ☐ There is community-making in discussions, breakout rooms, or peer interactions.

11. Please provide any feedback or comments related to relationships and belonging:

Overall Program Experience

12. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your experience in the PK-12 Educational Leadership Programs?

- ☐ Very Dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat Satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Very Satisfied

13. How likely are you to recommend Central Michigan Leadership Preparation Programs to a colleague?

0 = Not at all likely ... 10 = Extremely likely

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Open Feedback

14. Please share any general comments or feedback:

