

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP WITH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION (MEd)

Program Description

School of Education Graduate Faculty (<https://spu.edu/academics/school-of-education/graduate-programs/graduate-faculty-staff/>)

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The Master of Education in Educational Leadership (<http://spu.edu/academics/school-of-education/graduate-programs/masters-programs/educational-leadership-med/>) program is designed to prepare you for a position as a school principal or program leader in the elementary or secondary school.

In addition to on-campus classes, graduate education courses in school administration are offered synchronously online.

A Principal (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/principal-certification/>) or Program Administrator (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/program-administrator-certification/>) "Certificate Only" program (30 credits) is also available for those who already hold a master's or other advanced degree.

This degree is approved by the Professional Educator's Standards Board (<http://www.pesb.wa.gov/>) (PESB). Its successful completion will qualify you for a Washington Residency P–12 Certificate as a school principal or program administrator.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must submit the following items to Graduate Admissions (<http://spu.edu/graduate-admissions/>):

- Online application (<http://admissions.spu.edu/apply/>) and \$50 application processing fee.
- Copy of current Washington state teaching certificate, front and back (not required for Program Administrator Certification candidates).
- Official transcript(s) from each college/university attended.
 - If your degree is not from a U.S. college or university, please arrange for your transcript to be evaluated by a NACES member (<http://www.naces.org/>)-recognized credential service. Acceptable credential services include, but are not limited to, World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org/>) (WES) and Foundation for International Services (<http://www.fis-web.com/>) (FIS).
- Résumé.
- Personal statement (1–2 pages).
- Present a GPA of at least 3.0 (4.0 = A) in the last 45 quarter credits of coursework completed.¹
- Two letters of recommendation (one supervisory, one professional).
 - Recommendations must come from present principals and other school administrators who recommend support of your pursuit of administrative certification.
 - At least one of the letters must be from a school-district level administrator who affirms district support for you to conduct a

year-long administrative internship, school-based for principal certification and/or district based for a program administrator.

- Verification of Experience Form — required for anyone seeking a Washington state Principal Certificate.

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The GRE (Graduate Record Exam) (<http://www.ets.org/gre/>) or MAT (Miller Analogies Test) (http://www.pearsonassessments.com/postsecondaryeducation/graduate_admissions/mat.html) will be required if GPA is less than 3.0. On the GRE, preferred minimum scores of Verbal: 148 and Quantitative: 147. On the MAT, preferred minimum scaled score of 400.

Contact

Admissions materials should be directed to Graduate Admissions (<http://spu.edu/graduate-admissions/>). If you have questions about graduate education or certification programs:

- Email: gradadmissions@spu.edu
- Phone: 206-281-2091

Internship

A year-long (9-credit) internship is a part of both the master's degree program in Educational Leadership and the Principal Certification-only or Program Administrator-only program. It is a vital, integrative experience in which you perform administrative activities while being supervised in a school-district setting. The primary objective is for you, the intern, to acquire and practice the skills of effective management and leadership. Internship experiences will center on those competencies and skills defined in the Washington Administrative Code and by the National Policy Board for Education Administration.

Each applicant to the educational leadership program must have at least three years of documented successful school-based experience in an instructional role with students, as either a certificated classroom teacher or in an ESA role.

Those in the program administrator program are not required to hold a teaching or ESA certificate, but they must have at least one year of documented successful school, district, or school-site experience.

Second Certificate Option

Applicants who have earned Residency Principal or Program Administrator Certification from SPU may earn the other certificate (either Principal (<http://spu.edu/academics/school-of-education/graduate-programs/certification-programs/principal/>) or Program Administrator (<http://spu.edu/academics/school-of-education/graduate-programs/certification-programs/program-administrator/>)) by completing 6 additional internship credits, along with an elective course that matches your interests.

A valid teaching or ESA certificate is required for those who wish to add a principal certificate.

You must complete all coursework for the second certificate within three years of earning the previous certificate.

Educational Leadership with School Principal Certification (MEd)

45 Credits Minimum

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations/Research Core		
EDU 6085	Moral and Theological Issues in Education	3
EDU 6600	Communication and Collaboration: Colleagues, Administration, and Community	3
EDU 6975	Interpreting and Applying Educational Research I	3
EDU 6980	Applying Research in School Settings	3
Section Credits Required		12
School Administration Core		
EDAD 6581	Leadership for School Culture	3
EDAD 6583	Culturally Sustaining Practice	3
EDAD 6584	School Finance	3
EDAD 6585	School Law	3
EDAD 6586	Human Resources Management	3
EDAD 6588	Supervision of Instruction	3
EDAD 6589	Engaging Communities	3
Section Credits Required		21
Internship		
EDAD 6940	Principal Administrative Internship	9
Section Credits Required		9
Electives		
Elective with approval of program chair		3
Section Credits Required		3
Total Credits		45

Additional Requirements and Information

- Comprehensive Exam