Master of Education in Educational Leadership
Texas School Administrator Certification, Principal & Superintendent

Who pursues this program?
- Practicing teachers, ranging from new-to-the-profession to experienced educators.
- Teachers who have made the decision to move outside the classroom into administration because they feel the pull to impact a whole school, faculty, and students.
- Certified principals with an interest in district-level leadership.

How does the program work?
- Offered completely online.
- The M.Ed. is a 36-hour program, non-thesis program that is typically completed in two years.
- M.Ed. – only and principal certification – only options are available.
- Students interested in superintendent certification-only can complete the required courses in one calendar year.

How will this degree benefit me?
- A student completing principalship program requirements can take the principal TExES for state certification to serve in leadership positions in a school campus. These include such positions as principal, assistant principal, curriculum director, and athletic director.
- A student completing superintendent program requirements becomes eligible to take the superintendent TExES for state certification to serve in leadership positions in a school district. These include such positions as superintendent, assistant superintendent, deputy superintendent, and other central office positions.

What courses will I take?
- Nine hours of core education coursework for all M.Ed. degrees.
- 27 hours of program coursework for M.Ed. Degree with principal certification programs.
- 30 hours of program coursework for candidates with an earned M.Ed and interested in principal certification
- 9-15 hours of program coursework for superintendent certification programs (budget/finance and law course may be carried over from principalship program, effectively reducing the superintendent program to 9 hours).
- Courses are designed to blend the world of the school leadership with formal theory in the educational leadership field

What sets this program apart from other programs?
Students joining us have the opportunity to participate in a well-designed program built in alignment to the tested competencies for professional certification.

Those students earning the administrative certification (principal or superintendent) are fortunate to be taught by experienced Texas certified school administrators. Courses are designed with a healthy blend of theory and practical application.
**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

**Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines**

**Full Admission**
- Submit Graduate Application and non-refundable $40 application fee to West Texas A&M University
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Professional Resume.
- Teaching certificate.
- Signed code of ethics.
- Completed Transcript Evaluation Form (internal document provided on website)
- Two letters of Recommendation.
- Two most recent employment evaluations. (if applicable)

**Conditional Admission**
Any applicant who does not meet the above requirements will be reviewed for conditional admission by program faculty.

**Deadline to Apply**
Fall admission: August 1
Spring admission: December 1
Summer admission: May 1

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