

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

Who takes 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, non-thesis program that is typically completed in two years.
- M.Ed. and/or 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. TExES pass rates consistently exceed 90%.
- A student completing superintendent program requirements will be 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 and/or principal certification programs.
- 9-12 hours of program coursework for superintendent certification programs (budget finance 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 principal with the more 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.

Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines

Full Admission

- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores in the 50th percentile or higher in one or more testing area (verbal, quantitative, analytical writing).
- Teaching certificate.
- Signed code of ethics.
- Completed Transcript Evaluation Form.

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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