

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP: SCHOOL LEADERSHIP (PRINCIPAL ENDORSEMENT)



The sequence of courses and the objectives of the School Leadership program have been designed to develop exemplary leaders and to foster their continued growth and effectiveness. Our program includes three internship experiences, thus providing for a unique blend of theory and practice in preparation for positions of leadership. Students who successfully complete the course concentration in School Leadership will develop competencies in effective leadership, educational management practices, and staff development at the school level. Completion of the twelve-course program will result in the award of an M.A. degree in School Leadership. The concentration also leads to the new State of Illinois Principal Endorsement.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Teachers and school support personnel seeking leadership positions.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS:

Candidates desiring admission to the Master's Degree in Educational Leadership begin by completing an application for and obtaining Northeastern Illinois University's Student at Large (SAL) designated status. This status allows students to enroll in up to three courses without full admission to the Graduate School. Students admitted as a SAL then use the program's first introductory course, LEAD 424 (Introduction to the Evaluation of Certified & Support Staff), to complete the Graduate Program application for admission as the professor provides time to assist students with the details of the formal application process.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Application completed during LEAD 424:

- A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university.
- Minimum 2.75 GPA (on A 4.0 scale) from most recent degree.
- Valid and current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) (i.e., early childhood, elementary, secondary, special K-12, or special preschool-age 21 certificate) OR endorsed in a school support personnel area (i.e., school counselor, school psychologist, speech language pathologist (non-teaching), school nurse, school social worker, school marriage and family counselor).
- Completion of two years of PK-12 full-time teaching OR school support personnel experience within the last five years.
- Passage of the Illinois Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)/Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP). ACT or SAT scores may be eligible to be used in lieu of these tests.
- Two letters of recommendation (completed by supervisors).

- Two NEIU Disposition Assessments (completed by supervisors).
- Successful completion of a written exam provided by the department.
- Completion of a successful teaching OR school support personnel portfolio.
- In-person interview.

COST:

Graduate tuition & fees for newly-enrolled students will be \$448.90.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall, Spring and Summer terms. By taking 2 courses each fall, spring and summer, students can complete the master's degree and obtain the Principal Endorsement within two years.

DELIVERY MODE:

Traditional classroom format, interactive video, and/ or web-based formats.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center at Grayslake

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Students may apply to transfer a maximum of nine (9) credit hours (three courses) for graduate work taken at another accredited University.

CERTIFICATES OFFERED:

Principal Endorsement

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Merit Tuition Waivers may be available through the College of Graduate Studies and Research. <http://neiu.edu/academics/graduate-college/>

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REQUIRED COURSES:

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

Sequence I

LEAD 424 should be the first course taken as a Student-At-Large. During this course, time is allotted to work on the formal graduate program application process. It is recommended to take LEAD 421 the same semester.

LEAD 424: Introduction to Evaluation of Certified and Support Staff

LEAD 421: Educational Leadership and Organizational Analysis

Comprehensive Exam Part I*

LEAD 429: Research Design and Analysis of Educational Data

LEAD 436: Human Resources Administration in Education

LEAD 401: Instructional Leadership

LEAD 422: The Principalsip

Sequence II

LEAD 433: School Law and Ethics

LEAD 432: School Finance and Budgeting

LEAD 431: School and Community Relations

LEAD 434/435/437: Internship

(three course sequence)

Comprehensive Exam Part II*

*Contact Coordinator of Student Services

TOTAL: 36 credit hours

The Illinois Performance Evaluation (PERA) Growth Through Learning Training and Assessment and the 195-196 Principal as Instructional Leader exam are required for graduation from the program.