

Master of Arts (MA)

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership is a nationally and state accredited program whose graduates are highly sought after by school districts. Graduates of the leadership program find employment, pass the state administrator certification exams and qualify for state certification.

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership is designed for experienced teachers who have a strong belief in continuous school improvement and a deep desire to become a transformational leader. Leaders who have a commitment to changing the lives of all students through engaging in a high-quality, rigorous program of study focused on continuous school improvement will be successful in the program.

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership is a 30-hour online degree focused on five Missouri leadership domains:

- Visionary Leader
- Instructional Leader
- Managerial Leader
- Relational Leader
- Innovative Leader

The innovative curriculum is designed and taught in eight-week sessions with a six-hour internship conducted in the student's school district.

Scholarships and graduate assistantships are available for both 1st year and 2nd year graduate students.

Becoming Career Ready...

/Students complete 30 hours of master's level courses in 5 semesters.

/Students complete internship experience in their district.

/Students participate in an innovative project-based learning curriculum.

/Students engage in productive learning relationships with other students from a variety of districts.

/Students become transformative leaders who develop high-quality programs to inspire, empower and prepare their students to succeed.

/Students meet Missouri administrator certification requirements.

Career Planning

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Program prepares students to work in administrative roles in schools and school districts. The degree program prepares students for certification as a K-12 building level principal. Test preparation for the Missouri certification exams are built into the program.

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Program fulfills the requirements for the following certification:

K-12 Building Level Principal

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Program is designed to meet Missouri standards for certification. Students seeking certification in other states should contact their state department of education.

Admission Requirements

1. An undergraduate GPA of 2.75 of a 4.0 scale
2. A bachelor's degree in education
3. A valid classroom teaching certificate
4. A resume showing two years of classroom teaching experience

The Educational Leadership major requirements are based on (1) the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL), (2) National Education Leadership Preparation (NELP) standards, and (3) Missouri Leadership standards.

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This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The degree program is designed to be completed in five semesters including summer. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress. Students may begin the degree during any semester.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Educational Leadership

30 Hours Required
3.25 GPA Required

Required courses:

- EA610 Diversity and Equity in Schools (3)
- EA625 Foundations of Educational Leadership (3)
- EA634 School Supervision (3)
- EA651 School Law (3)
- EA653 Curriculum for Leaders (3)
- EA654 The Principalship (3)
- EA655 Leadership for Effective School Operations (3)
- EA660 Leadership in Special Education (3)
- EA663 Internship I: Leadership for Research in Action (3)
- EA664 Internship II: Leadership for Experiential Learning (3)
- GR698 Master's Final Comp Exam (0)

Sample Rotation

EA655 Leadership for Effective School Operations
EA660 Leadership in Special Education

EA625 Foundations of Educational Leadership
EA665 The Principalship

EA653 Curriculum for Educational Leaders
EA610 Diversity and Equity in Schools

EA634 School Supervision
EA646 Internship I: Leadership for Research in Action

EA651 School Law
EA656 Internship II: Leadership for Experiential Learning
GR698 Comprehensive Examination