

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, M.A.

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership at Saint Louis University's School of Education (<https://www.slu.edu/education/>) has a multidisciplinary design, enhanced by problem-based learning, evidence-based content that connects theory and practice, and opportunities for practice. Students engage in professional learning by collaborating with peers using solution-oriented leadership strategies, studying a curriculum grounded in the literature on effective practice, engaging in professionally guided practice in schools, and completing in-depth internships in schools under the guidance of on-site supervisors.

In addition to the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, a master's degree with a concentration in Catholic education is offered. The Catholic education concentration is designed to prepare students for school-level leadership positions, most commonly principalship in Catholic elementary, middle and high schools, as well as teacher leadership. Coursework engages students with the unique aspects of Catholic educational leadership, including spiritual leadership and the vocation of a Catholic school leader and non-public school administration such as funding mechanisms and applicable laws, while preparing students to take the Missouri assessments for principal certification.

Curriculum Overview

The degree requires a completion of 32 credits of coursework and culmination examinations. The Catholic education concentration requires completion of 33 credits of coursework. An additional three-credit internship is required for Catholic education students wishing to pursue Missouri Principal Certification.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

All courses include school-based application of concepts and processes. Students in the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership complete a site-based internship. In the concentration in Catholic education, students complete a practicum requiring involvement in school-site leadership activities at multiple schools. Catholic education students seeking Missouri certification as a principal must complete an additional site-based internship.

Careers

The master's in educational leadership prepares students to fill a variety of leadership roles including: principal, assistant principal, program director and curriculum/teacher leader.

The Catholic education concentration prepares students to fill a variety of leadership roles, most often Catholic school principal, assistant principal positions or teacher leader positions, including formal positions such as department chair or program director and informal roles such as mentoring, coaching and modeling effective Catholic school teaching and faith formation.

Admission Requirements

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>).

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement

Requirements for International Students

Along with the general admission requirements above, the following must be provided by prospective international students:

- Demonstration of English Language Proficiency.
- Proof of financial support that must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University.
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University.
- Academic records, in English translation, for postsecondary studies outside the United States. These must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Application Deadlines

Domestic students should apply for the fall semester by June 15, for the spring semester by November 1, and for the summer semester by April 1. International students should apply by May 1 for the fall semester, October 1 for the spring semester, and February 1 for the summer semester.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed by committee.

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Scholarships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for departmental graduate scholarships, students should complete their applications by the program admission deadlines listed.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at <http://www.slu.edu/financial-aid> (<http://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Learning Outcomes

The program is aligned with the Missouri Leadership Development System Standards (MLDS) and with the professional standards for educational leaders (PSEL).

The areas included in the MLDS include visionary leader, instructional leader, managerial leader, relational leader, and innovative leader. The outcomes are aligned with the SLU graduate student outcomes.

M.A. SLU Outcomes

1. Graduates will assess data, relevant literature, administration practices, and educational theories to analyze issues related to building-level administration practices.
2. Graduates will apply knowledge about evidence-based leadership, communication, financial, legal, curriculum/instruction/assessment,

and management practices to work in building-level educational administration areas.

3. Graduates will articulate explanations about leadership, communication, legal, financial, curriculum/instruction/assessment, and management in educational administration.
4. Graduates will evidence educational leadership practices demonstrating professional ethics.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
EDL 5100	Foundations of Ed Admin	3
EDR 5100	Intro to Inferential Stats: Ed	3
EDL 5300	School Law	2
EDL 5450	Managing the Building Level Curriculum	3
EDR 5500	Evaluation of Education Programs	3
EDL 5630	The Principalship	3
EDL 5660	Principalship II	3
EDL 5730	Building Level Professional Development and Teacher Evaluation	3
EDL 6500	School Finance	2-3
Program Electives		
Students choose the Standard Track or the Catholic Education concentration		7-9
<i>Standard Track</i>		
EDL 5500	Professional Seminar	
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal	
EDL 6390	Gateway Leadership Institute	
<i>Catholic Education Concentration</i>		
EDL 5000	Educational Leadership Non-Certification Practicum	
EDL 5150	Special Dimensions of Ed Admin	
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal (*If seeking Missouri Certification as a Principal*)	
Total Credits		32-35

Non-Course Requirements

- Students seeking Missouri certification as a principal must pass both the practicum and internship course and pass the Missouri Leaders assessment.
- Students must pass program culmination examinations, oral and written.

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their

advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Standard Track

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
EDL 5100	Foundations of Ed Admin	3
EDL 5450	Managing the Building Level Curriculum	3
Credits		6
Spring		
EDL 5630	The Principalship	3
EDL 5300	School Law	2
EDL 6500	School Finance	2
Credits		7
Summer		
EDL 6390	Gateway Leadership Institute	2
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal	1
Credits		3
Year Two		
Fall		
EDL 5730	Building Level Professional Development and Teacher Evaluation	3
EDR 5100	Intro to Inferential Stats: Ed	3
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal	0
Credits		6
Spring		
EDL 5660	Principalship II	3
EDR 5500	Evaluation of Education Programs	3
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal	0
Credits		6
Summer		
EDL 5500	Professional Seminar	2
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal	2
Credits		4
Total Credits		32

Catholic Education Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
EDL 5100	Foundations of Ed Admin	3
EDL 5450	Managing the Building Level Curriculum	3
Credits		6
Spring		
EDL 5630	The Principalship	3
EDL 5300	School Law	3
Credits		6
Summer		
EDL 5000	Educational Leadership Non-Certification Practicum	3
EDR 5100	Intro to Inferential Stats: Ed	3
Credits		6

Year Two**Fall**

EDR 5500	Evaluation of Education Programs	3
EDL 5660	Principalship II	3
Credits		6

Spring

EDL 6500	School Finance	3
EDL 5730	Building Level Professional Development and Teacher Evaluation	3
Credits		6

Summer

EDL 5150	Special Dimensions of Ed Admin	3
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal (Optional, but required for Missouri state certification as a principal.)	0-3
Credits		3-6
Total Credits		33-36

Program Notes

The Master of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership cohort program in Catholic school leadership includes outcomes aligned with national and state standards as well as those articulated by the Catholic Church. All courses are taught in a four-Saturday format (fall and spring), and in an eight week period spanning mid-May to mid-July in the summer.

The program is designed to prepare students for school-level leadership positions, most commonly the principalship in Catholic elementary, middle, high schools, as well as teacher-leadership. Coursework engages students with the unique aspects of Catholic educational leadership including spiritual leadership, the vocation of the Catholic school educator, and the evangelizing Catholic school, and non-public school administration such as recruitment, funding mechanisms, and laws applicable in religious schools, while preparing students to take the assessments for principal certification. The degree additionally requires that students pass program culmination examinations, oral and written.

Students seeking Missouri state certification as a building principal are required to take EDL 5913 Internship: Building Principal.

Contact Us

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