

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



IN PERSON & ONLINE

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 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:

- Graduate Application
- A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university.
- Minimum 2.75GPA (on A 4.0 scale) from most recent degree.
- Completion of two years of PK-12 full-time teaching OR school support personnel (Type 73) experience withing the last five years
- Two letters of recommendation (completed by supervisors).
- Two NEIU Disposition Assessments (completed by supervisors).

- Completion of a successful teaching Or school support personnel portfolio including candidate interview.

COST:

Visit <http://neiu.edu> for current tuition rates.

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:

In person and online

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center at Lake County

CERTIFICATES OFFERED:

Principal Endorsement

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

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

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REQUIRED COURSES:

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

Sequence I

- 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 Principalship

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)
- *Contact Coordinator of Student Services

TOTAL: 36 credit hours

The Illinois Performance Evaluation (PERA) Comprehensive Exam Part II*