



Northern Illinois
University

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MASTER OF SCIENCE

ONLINE

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REQUIRED COURSES:

Semester 1
LEBM 501 - School Business Management (3)
LEEA 500 - Educational Organization & Administration (3)

Semester 2
LEBM 521 - Accounting, Statement Analysis & Budgeting (3)
LEEA 520 - Education Finance I (3)

Semester 3
LEBM 525 - Legal Aspects of School Business Management (3)
LEBM 550 - Financial Planning and School Budgeting (3)

Semester 4
LEEA 715 - Educational Facilities
LEBM 586(A) - Internship in School Business Management (3)
EPFE 712 - Ethics in Education (only required for M.S.Ed.) (3)

Semester 5
LEBM 721 - School District Fiscal Strategic Planning (3)
LEBM 586(B) - Internship in School Business Management (2)
ETR 519 - Applied Educational Research (3)
(only required for M.S.Ed.)

Semester 6
LEBM 536 (3)
LEBM 586(C) - Internship in School Business Mgmt (2)

This state-approved program leads to the ISBE Chief School Business Official (CSBO) endorsement and provides students with the knowledge and skills to serve as school business manager. It is offered in partnership with the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (Illinois ASBO) which provides nationally recognized faculty and instructors who are steeped in theory and practice. Students pursue one of three tracks: MSEd, non-degree certification-only, or expedited.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Those seeking to earn the ISBE Chief School Business Official endorsement to work in a business-related role (non-teaching) within an Illinois school district.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 (preferred)
- A minimum graduate GPA (if applicable) of 3.00 (preferred)
- Background in school administration, accounting, finance or management (preferred)
- Names and email addresses of two references willing to complete a recommendation form
- Goal statement
- Current resume or curriculum vitae
- MEd track Required for those without a master's degree.
- Certification-Only track Requires a master's degree in any field.
- Expedited track Requires a master's degree in business administration, finance, public administration or accounting. Also requires current employment in an Illinois school or district in a non-teaching business role with at least one year of FT experience in that role.

COST: www.iasbo.org/devsitcareercenter/universityprograms/niu/niu.sbm/niu-pricing. Instead of paying tuition to NIU, membership dues paid directly to Illinois ASBO cover the cost of instruction. The cost per credit hour is locked in for the duration of a cohort. Because this is a professional development program, students will not receive a 1098T for tax purposes. This program does not accept NIU tuition waivers. Certification-only and expedited students are not eligible for financial aid.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Students receive a registration letter before every semester with step-by-step instructions on how to enroll via the MYNIU portal.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Only students in the master's degree track are eligible to receive financial aid. See www.niu.edu/financial-aid. The Illinois ASBO website may also list scholarships.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

14-week semesters, starting in September, January, and May.

DELIVERY MODE:

All courses utilize a combination of weekly independent work and two to five synchronous online sessions at a specific date and time in the evening. Students are also required to attend two face-to-face sessions per course at the NIU-Naperville campus, (or University Center if Lake County enrollments warrant scheduled on a Friday evening from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Via Huskie Books & Gear at (815)753-1081 or www.niu.edu/hsc/bookgear/index.shtml or online vendor.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

A maximum of 15 credit hours with a grade of "B" or better in each course. Transfer credit must be approved prior to being accepted and fall within limitations of time. Courses for the master's program must have been taken within the six years prior to NIU degree award. Courses for the certification-only route must have been taken within the 10 years prior to completing the program.

HOURS NEEDED:

Master's degree (M.S.Ed.) – 39 credit hours
Certification-Only – 33 credit hours
Expedited – varies (6-33 credit hours)
A candidate's expedited program of study will be determined based on a review of the expedited application materials and interview.