GRADUATE STUDIES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the director of the educational leadership program at Purdue University Fort Wayne, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you. Being an experienced faculty team with broad P-12 leadership backgrounds, we are committed to high quality leadership programming for the advancement of effective school leadership. Our accelerated and flexible blended online courses are responsive to the scheduling needs of working educational professionals. Small cohorts are designed to personalize student learning for teachers wishing to pursue their principal licensure in Indiana.

Please contact me with any questions you may have about our program.

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BENEFITS

**DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND**

The Master of Science in Education with a major in Educational Leadership is an accelerated program with course offerings online and in hybrid format. Courses during the fall and spring semesters are eight weeks long, while summer courses are six weeks.

Students in this program benefit from the following:
- Accelerated format allows students to complete the program in 16 months
- Flexible curriculum and course offerings (hybrid & online)
- Multiple collaborative field experiences with mentors
- Small cohorts designed to personalize student learning
- One class at a time per semester

**LEARN FROM DEDICATED, EXPERT FACULTY**

Our faculty provide a welcoming, supportive yet rigorous curriculum. They are experienced and dedicated classroom instructors who possess strong research and publication profiles.

Research areas include:
- Courage in Leadership
- Dispositions of Leadership
- Disposition of Care
- Action Research
- School Reform
- Developing and Supporting Highly-Effective Principals
- Fair and Meaningful Grading Practices
- School Cultures that Prioritize Collaboration and Adult Learning

**THE PURDUE FORT WAYNE DIFFERENCE**

Stand out with a graduate degree that enhances your qualifications through:
- Small class sizes
- Personal attention from dedicated faculty
- Course offerings designed for working adults
- Internationally recognized degree at a fraction of the cost

“The Ed Leadership program used effective tools to help me really understand the context I would be in when I graduated. It was challenging and rigorous, which is exactly what I was looking for. The reflection on practice that was modeled in the program helps me to be the best leader I can be. The professional doors flew open once I finished.”

Ingrid Laidroo-Martin

“The Educational Leadership program at Purdue Fort Wayne was instrumental in growing me as an educational leader. Not only did it help grow my leadership skills, it afforded me the opportunity to reflect on my vision of leadership and who I am as a leader. It also provided focus for my next steps in my career in education and opportunities to begin making changes in the lives of the students I was already teaching.”

Justin Rentschler

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (30 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree is an accelerated, flexible model which can be completed in 16 months. The program features eight-week fall and spring courses, and two and half week courses in the summer, with offerings both fully online and hybrid. Example Plan of Study below.

**FIRST FALL SEMESTER (EIGHT WEEK COURSES)**

EDU 50001 Introduction to Educational Leadership (Hybrid)
EDU 62400 The Principalship K-12 (Online)

**SPRING SEMESTER (EIGHT WEEK COURSES)**

EDU 50002 Instruction in the Context of Curriculum (Online)
EDU 62000 Workshop on Selected Problems in Educational Leadership (Hybrid)
EDU 60800 Legal Perspectives on Education (Hybrid)
EDU 51000 School and Community Relations (Hybrid)
EDU 51500 Teacher Development and Evaluation (Online)
EDU 51500 Teacher Development and Evaluation (Online)
EDU 69500 Practicum in Educational Leadership (Hybrid)

**SUMMER I (SIX WEEK COURSES)**

EDU 63800 Public School Personnel Management (Online)
EDU 62000 Workshop on Selected Problems in Educational Leadership (Hybrid)
EDU 63000 Economic Dimensions of Education (Hybrid)

**SUMMER II (SIX WEEK COURSES)**

**FINAL FALL SEMESTER (EIGHT WEEK COURSES)**

EDU 63800 Public School Personnel Management (Online)
EDU 63000 Economic Dimensions of Education (Hybrid)
EDU 60800 Legal Perspectives on Education (Hybrid)
EDU 69500 Practicum in Educational Leadership (Hybrid)
REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE

- Completion of state approved Building Level Administrator Preparation Program (including Purdue Fort Wayne)
- Pass the Indiana Teacher Licensing Test – (039) P-12 Building level with minimum score of 220
- Provide a letter from your superintendent/designee stating that you have minimally two years of full-time teaching experience under a valid license
- Proof of CPR/Heimlich/AED certification
- Proof of suicide prevention training
- Exit Interview with Educational Leadership faculty for recommendation of the license

Our program has a 100% candidate pass rate on the Indiana state administrative licensure exam.

"The Educational Leadership program gave me the opportunity to understand authentic experiences that occur in the world of the principal. After almost ten years in administration, I often continue to reflect on my experiences while being a cohort student through the Educational Leadership program."

Brandon White
APPLICATION

DEADLINES

JUN 30
NOV 15

U.S. Citizen: fall admission
U.S. Citizen: spring admission

APPLICATION

STEPS TO APPLY

1. Application: To begin your application create an account through the portal at pfw.edu/grad-apply. Applicants can make and save changes before submitting by logging in with the username and password used to create the account.

2. Application Fee: The Graduate School application fee is $60 (U.S. dollars) for domestic applicants and $75 (U.S. dollars) for international applicants. Your application will not be processed until your nonrefundable application fee has been paid.

3. Transcripts: Through the application portal, you must upload transcript(s) and/or academic document(s) for every institution of higher education you attended regardless of whether or not a degree was received. If a degree was received then it must be printed on the transcripts. If no degree conferral is printed on the transcripts then a copy of the original diploma (degree certificate) is needed. If the documents are not in English, you must upload an English translation certified by the college or university that issued it. All candidates must hold a four-year undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline from a recognized institution.

4. Statement of Purpose (Essay): The statement of purpose should be 300-500 words concerning your purpose for undertaking or continuing graduate study, your reasons for wanting to study at Purdue, and your research interests, professional plans, and career goals. You also may explain any special circumstances applicable to your background and elaborate on your scholarly publications, awards, achievements, abilities, and/or professional history.

5. Recommendations: Submit names of two individuals who are qualified to evaluate your academic or on-the-job performance who can attest to your ability to pursue a graduate degree. In the online application to the Purdue Graduate School, once you click “Send to Recommender,” each individual will receive an email with instructions on submitting their recommendation online. Once submitted, the graduate program to which you applied will have access to view your recommendation.

6. Resume: You must submit an updated copy of your resume with your application materials.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

You must provide official transcripts and/or academic records at the request of the graduate program or if you are admitted and choose to enroll. An official transcript bears the original signature of the registrar and/or the original seal of the issuing institution. An unofficial transcript printed from your current/previous institution(s) student system is not an acceptable document. Official documents should be submitted to:

Purdue University Fort Wayne
Office of Graduate Studies
2101 E Coliseum Blvd., KT 140
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Domestic transcripts must be mailed directly from a Registrar’s office to the Office of Graduate Admissions. (You can choose to send the transcripts yourself, but the transcripts must be in an envelope sealed by the Registrar).