Program Details

If you’re ready to take the next step in your career, the online Master of Science in Education (M.S.E.) in Educational Administration program challenges you to make a difference in the lives of students and teachers in your school and community. This flexible program is ideal for experienced K-12 educators who want the skills and knowledge needed to transition to leadership roles such as principals, department heads or directors. As a successful leader, you can meet the challenges of administration and improve the education of your students.

WE OFFER TWO TRACKS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

Building Leadership Track* includes an internship for students who intend to acquire a license as a principal or other building leader, either immediately following the program or at some point in the future.

Non-Licensure Track** substitutes course work for the internship requirement with the expectation that participants want to earn their master’s and gain knowledge about leadership, but are not pursuing a license.

*The Building Leadership track of this program is designed to prepare graduates to serve as principals or in other formal leadership roles. To hold such a role in certain states, qualified leaders may need a building leadership license. This program, which meets Kansas licensure standards, may qualify graduates to obtain a building leadership license in other states as well. This depends on the particular requirements of the state.

**Applicants for the non-teaching or non-licensure track of this program should understand that because the program does not include any practica or internship, completion of the program is unlikely to qualify graduates to petition for teacher, principal or other educational licensure in any state.

Note: No program can guarantee licensure. It is each student’s responsibility to determine the licensure requirements in his or her state. Our staff and Licensure Officer can provide support during the application process to help you understand your state’s requirements.

Program Benefits

- Earn a graduate certificate from the #1 Special Education Program (among public universities)*
- Complete your course work anytime, anywhere, through our innovative online format
- Learn from dedicated faculty who teach with an emphasis on applying research in real-world situations to improve instructional practice
- Submit your application with no GRE requirement for admission into the program

Program Structure

- 12 courses taken in sequence
- 36 credits
- 8 weeks per course
- Complete in as few as 2 years

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
To apply to the Master’s in Educational Administration, your first step is completing the online application form. Prior to starting the form, we recommend that you review our application checklist.

To be considered for admission, prospective students must have completed a bachelor’s degree with a GPA of 3.0 or greater (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 should contact an Admissions Advisor for information about provisional admissions.

Our Admissions Advisors are here to help answer your questions regarding admission requirements and licensure. If you have questions, please email us at onlineinfo@ku.edu or call us toll-free at 855-639-7799.

International applicants must meet English language proficiency requirements.

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN
This program stresses the fundamental knowledge and policy development skills necessary for an administrator. Improve your knowledge of pedagogy and leadership, expand your understanding of schooling and develop an appreciation of the political, economic and social forces that influence the decisions of educational leaders.

FACULTY
The University of Kansas brings a rich academic tradition into the online environment. The KU School of Education is fully committed to KU’s mission of educating leaders, building healthy communities and making discoveries that change the world. Our Educational Leadership and Policy Studies teaching faculty are expert scholars and practitioners who bring diverse experiences from a variety of education settings to the classroom.

AFTER GRADUATION
The online Master’s in Educational Administration is ideal for experienced K-12 educators who want to become leaders in their schools and districts. Graduates from this program often move forward in their career as administrators in their school or district, including roles as department heads, assistant principals, associate principals, principals, learning coaches or athletic directors.