

Change the face of education. Lead the way.

The online Master's in Educational Administration

The [online Master of Science in Education \(M.S.E.\) in educational administration](#) from the KU School of Education builds effective educational leaders through a grounding in policy development and the political, economic and social forces that influence administrative decisions across the field of education. With two distinct tracks—a [building leadership track](#) and a [non-licensure track](#)—this program takes a top-down approach that encourages you to look at broader issues beyond the scope of a single classroom, at both the school and district level.

Program Structure

- 12 courses
- 36 credit hours
- 8 weeks per course
- Complete in as few as 2 years

Admissions Requirements

- Completed [online application form](#)
- Professional resume or CV
- Completed bachelor's degree from accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- Personal statement showing a clear understanding of how the degree will fit into the applicant's career plans
- Three letters of recommendation from qualified individuals
 - 1 from an immediate supervisor
 - 2 from others in leadership positions (principal, grade level chair, instructional coach, etc.)
- Application fee: \$65 for U.S. residents, \$85 for international applicants
- IELTS or TOEFL scores (for non-native English-speaking applicants)

Program Benefits

- Learn from renowned faculty with extensively published research and diverse real-world experience
- Experience the challenges of over 30 diverse schools and their case-study-based curricula in the innovative simulated community of [Jayhawkville](#)
- Complete your coursework anytime, anywhere, through our [innovative online format](#)
- Create a working instructional portfolio that can be directly applied in your own classroom
- No GRE required for admission
- Accredited under NCATE standards through CAEP

The Curriculum

ELPS 750: Principalship

ELPS 756: Data-Driven Leadership

ELPS 715: Understanding Research in Education

ELPS 757: Education in American Society

ELPS 752: Education Law

ELPS 755: Human Resource Management

ELPS 852: School Resource Management

ELPS 854: Students in Society

SPED 756: Special Education Leadership

ELPS 853: Staff Evaluation and Development

C&T 806: Instructional Strategies and Models

ELPS 895: Internship*

*Students in the non-licensure track replace the required internship course with an [elective](#) of their choosing.

What You'll Learn

In the online master's in educational administration, you will explore various administrative roles; learn about education law; examine the national context for education in the U.S.; and focus on how to develop, support and manage staff members—a broad overview of everything you'll need to successfully lead a school or district. Your studies will culminate with either a building leadership internship experience or an elective course designed to deepen your knowledge of one or more elements of the facility experience that most interest you.

Career Outcomes

Graduates of the building leadership track often move forward in their careers as administrators in their school or district, including roles as department heads, assistant principals, principals or athletic directors, or as leaders in nonadministrative roles such as superintendents, school board presidents or district directors.

Graduates from the non-licensure track typically use their knowledge of education administration to further their careers as educators, consultants and advocates.