

# EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE & M.ED. PROGRAMS

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the Educational Leadership programs are to increase the supply of effective and well-prepared school leaders in West Virginia public schools.

Instructors are experienced public-school practitioners. Their educational background enables them to demonstrate to students the manner by which ideas, techniques and policy studies may be applied in a school setting. They are actively engaged in professional organizations at state and national levels. Instructors also serve as consultants to numerous school districts in personnel searches, facility studies, curriculum projects, staff development, and professional organization accreditation studies.

## STATE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Upon completion of the appropriate courses, candidates will be eligible for WV certification as PreK-12 Principals, Supervisors of Instruction, and Superintendents.

## CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PATHWAYS

### **Option One**

Principal Certificate (21 credit hours) for professionals with an earned Master's Degree (minimum 3.0 GPA) and have completed at least 3 years of management level/teaching experience, who would like to become well-prepared leaders in the public-schools.

### **Option Two**

Superintendent Certificate (6 credit hours) for professionals who hold a principal certificate or Master's Degree in Educational Leadership (from another institution) and would like to add an additional Superintendent endorsement.

### **Option Three**

Educational Leadership Certificate (27 credit hours) for professionals, with an earned Master's Degree (minimum 3.0 GPA) and have completed at least 3 years of management level/teaching experience, who would like to become well-prepared leaders and/or Superintendents in public-schools. This degree includes principal licensure and superintendent endorsement.

### **Option Four**

Master's of Education (M.Ed.) in Educational Leadership (33 credit hours) for those who have completed at least 3 years of management level/teaching experience who would like to become well-prepared leaders in the public-schools.. This degree includes principal licensure, superintendent endorsement, and applied research.

**After completion of the desired program, candidates will be eligible for WV certification as a PreK-12 Principal and/or Superintendent, and Supervisor of Instruction by:**

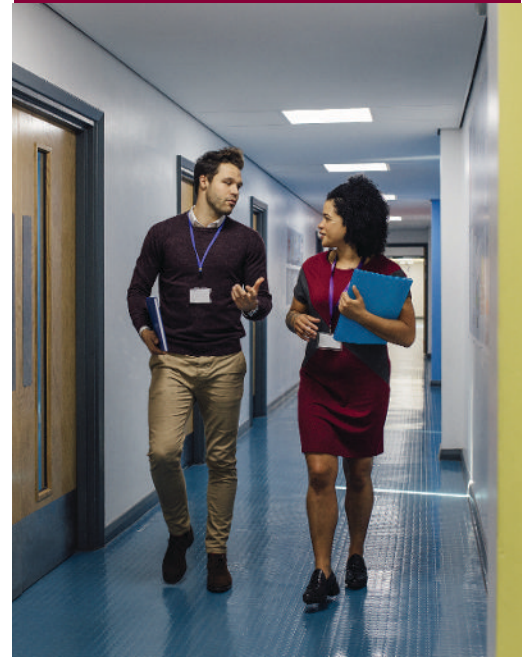
- Completing the WV Educational Leadership Institute in evaluation skills or approved equivalent training
- Receiving a passing score on the Praxis II: Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision (5412) assessment (unless already passed)

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## COURSE OFFERINGS

### FALL SEMESTER

EDUC 5000: PRINCIPAL AS A LEADER	3 CH
EDUC 5005: ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP	3 CH

### SPRING SEMESTER

EDUC 5010: ETHICS AND SCHOOL LAW	3 CH
EDUC 5015: COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS	3 CH

### SUMMER SEMESTER

EDUC 5020: TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP	3 CH
EDUC 5025: CURRENT SCHOOL ISSUES	3 CH

### FALL, SPRING, SUMMER SEMESTERS

EDUC 5030: SUPERINTENDENTS ROLE BOARD AND COMMUNITY	3 CH
EDUC 5035: SUPERINTENDENT AS A LEADER/MANAGER	3 CH

### FALL, SPRING, SUMMER SEMESTERS

EDUC 5040: BUILDING INTERNSHIP	3 CH
*EDUC 5045: DISTRICT INTERNSHIP	3 CH

\*Optional for those seeking certification outside WV

### FALL, SPRING, SUMMER SEMESTERS

EDUC 6301: RESEARCH IN EDUCATION	3 CH
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### FALL, SPRING SEMESTERS

EDUC 6395: CAPSTONE RESEARCH PROJECT	3 CH
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## Tuition & Fees 2023-24

**Cost Per Credit Hour**                      **\$517**

**Total For 18 Credit Hours**            **\$9,306**

Current tuition and fees can be found at:

**[fairmontstate.edu/student-services/student-accounts/  
tuition-fees-charts](https://fairmontstate.edu/student-services/student-accounts/tuition-fees-charts)**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q. How are courses offered in this program?

We offer courses in sequential order (EDUC 5000, EDUC 5005, etc.). Two principal courses are offered each semester, including the summer. Superintendent courses are offered spring, summer, and fall.

### Q. Does it matter when I start the courses?

No, students may begin the program at any time. Students begin taking courses once they are admitted to the program. For example, a student may start in the Spring semester and take EDUC 5010 and then take other courses as they are offered.

### Q. How is the program delivered?

This program is offered completely online. Each course is based on the course requirements and by the instructor. Courses may be offered in synchronous (all students logged on at the same time), asynchronous (students may log on at any time); or a blend of both. You must have access to the Internet with a computer that is capable of downloading documents, video, and audio clips. Some courses may have additional requirements, those will be provided in the syllabus at the onset of the course.

### Q. How long will it take to finish the program?

This program has been designed to accommodate practicing educators. Each course is 3-credit hours. All principal and superintendent courses are designed to allow a candidate to take two 7-week courses per semester (including summer); with the two M.Ed. program research courses being 16-weeks. The following are minimum time frames for program completion:

**Principal Certificate:** 3 semesters

**Superintendent Certificate:** 1 semester

**Educational Leadership Certificate:** 4 semesters

**M.Ed. in Educational Leadership:** 5 semesters



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