

Master of Arts (MA)

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership is a nationally and state accredited program whose graduates are highly sought after by school districts. Graduates of the leadership program find employment, pass the state administrator certification exams and qualify for state certification.

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership is designed for experienced teachers who have a strong belief in continuous school improvement and a deep desire to become a transformational leader. Leaders who have a commitment to changing the lives of all students through engaging in a high-quality, rigorous program of study focused on continuous school improvement will be successful in the program.

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership is a 30-hour online degree focused on five Missouri leadership domains:

- Visionary Leader
- Instructional Leader
- Managerial Leader
- Relational Leader
- Innovative Leader

The innovative curriculum is designed and taught in eight-week sessions with a six-hour internship conducted in the student's school district.

Scholarships and graduate assistantships are available for both 1st year and 2nd year graduate students.

About Our Online Programs

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree from anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

Becoming Career Ready...

- /Students complete 30 hours of master's level courses in 5 semesters.
- /Students complete internship experience in their district.
- /Students participate in an innovative project-based learning curriculum.
- /Students engage in productive learning relationships with other students from a variety of districts.
- /Students become transformative leaders who develop high-quality programs to inspire, empower and prepare their students to succeed.
- /Students meet Missouri administrator certification requirements.

Career Planning

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Program prepares students to work in administrative roles in schools and school districts. The degree program prepares students for certification as a K-12 building level principal. Test preparation for the Missouri certification exams are built into the program.

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Program fulfills the requirements for the following certification:

K-12 Building Level Principal

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Program is designed to meet Missouri standards for certification. Students seeking certification in other states should contact their state department of education.

Admission Requirements

1. An undergraduate GPA of 2.75 of a 4.0 scale
2. A bachelor's degree in education
3. A valid professional teaching certificate
4. A resume showing two years of classroom teaching experience

The Educational Leadership major requirements are based on (1) the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL), (2) National Education Leadership Preparation (NELP) standards, and (3) Missouri Leadership standards.

NOTE: This program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure and/or certification in Missouri. Please consult our State Authorization webpage, to determine information specific to your state:
<https://app.semo.edu/genl/distancelearningcompliance/DistLearnComp.aspx>.

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The degree program is designed to be completed in five semesters including summer. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress. Students may begin the degree during any semester.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Educational Leadership

30 Hours Required
3.25 GPA Required

Required courses:

- ___ EA610 Diversity and Equity in Schools (3)
- ___ EA625 Foundations of Educational Leadership (3)
- ___ EA634 School Supervision (3)
- ___ EA651 School Law (3)
- ___ EA653 Curriculum for Leaders (3)
- ___ EA654 The Principalship (3)
- ___ EA655 Leadership for Effective School Operations (3)
- ___ EA660 Leadership in Special Education (3)
- ___ EA663 Internship I: Leadership for Research in Action (3)
- ___ EA664 Internship II: Leadership for Experiential Learning (3)
- ___ GR698 Master's Final Comp Exam (0)

Sample Rotation

EA655 Leadership for Effective School Operations
EA660 Leadership in Special Education

EA625 Foundations of Educational Leadership
EA665 The Principalship

EA653 Curriculum for Educational Leaders
EA610 Diversity and Equity in Schools

EA634 School Supervision
EA646 Internship I: Leadership for Research in Action

EA651 School Law
EA656 Internship II: Leadership for Experiential Learning
GR698 Comprehensive Examination