

# EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, M.A.

## Designed for Working Educators Who Want to Lead

Prepare to earn your Missouri principal certification in as few as two years with an online M.A. in educational leadership from Saint Louis University's School of Education (<https://www.slu.edu/education/>). Learn from highly experienced SLU faculty with backgrounds combining theory with their experience as previous superintendents and assistant superintendents in public, Catholic, and private school settings. By using solution-oriented leadership strategies you'll study a curriculum grounded in the literature on effective practice, engage in professionally guided practice in schools and complete in-depth internships in schools under the guidance of on-site supervisors.

Our educational leadership degree program courses are 100% online. You'll attend synchronous online course sessions delivered through Zoom, and complete coursework asynchronously through the Canvas learning management system.

In addition to the standard educational leadership graduate program, we offer a concentration in Catholic education to prepare you for school-level leadership positions — most commonly principalship in Catholic elementary, middle and high schools — as well as teacher leadership. Within the Catholic education track, coursework focuses on the unique aspects of Catholic educational leadership, including spiritual leadership, the vocation of a Catholic school leader and non-public school administration such as funding mechanisms and applicable laws, while preparing students to take the Missouri assessments for principal certification.

## Curriculum Overview

The master's in educational leadership standard track requires the completion of 32 credits of coursework, while the Catholic education track requires the completion of 33 credits of coursework. (An additional three-credit internship is required for Catholic education students wishing to pursue Missouri principal certification.)

Regardless of track, your educational leadership degree curriculum is embedded with the Jesuit values of educational equity and social justice. Learn through case studies to gain actionable insight into how to respond in real-world situations to make decisions that are in the best interest of the learner.

## Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

All courses include school-based application of concepts and processes. Students in the standard master's in educational leadership track complete a site-based internship. In the Catholic education track, students complete a practicum requiring involvement in school-site leadership activities at multiple schools. Catholic education students seeking Missouri certification as a principal must complete an additional site-based internship.

All classwork is 100% online for the standard track, however, students are required to attend the annual three-day Gateway Leadership Institute course in June, an exciting on-site event in which you will participate and learn from nationally recognized speakers and researchers.

## Careers

The master's in educational leadership prepares students to fill a variety of leadership roles, including principal, assistant principal, program director, administrator, instructional coach, curriculum, or department- or grade-level chair or director.

The Catholic education track prepares students to fill a variety of leadership roles, most often Catholic school principal, assistant principal positions, or teacher leader positions, including formal positions such as department chair or program director or to take on informal roles such as mentoring, coaching, and modeling effective Catholic school teaching and faith formation.

## Admission Requirements

Begin your application for this program at [www.slu.edu/apply](http://www.slu.edu/apply) ([http://www.slu.edu/apply.php?\\_ga=2.263431301.882142393.1675110427-1543665779.1675110427](http://www.slu.edu/apply.php?_ga=2.263431301.882142393.1675110427-1543665779.1675110427)).

## Application Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited ([https://catalog.slu.edu/previous-catalogs/2022-2023/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/regional\\_accreditation/](https://catalog.slu.edu/previous-catalogs/2022-2023/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/regional_accreditation/)) institution
- Transcript(s) from all schools attended
- One letter of recommendation
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement

## Requirements for International Students

Along with the general admission requirements above, the following must be provided by prospective international students:

- Demonstration of English Language Proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/previous-catalogs/2022-2023/academic-policies/office-admission/graduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- Proof of financial support that must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University.
  - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University.
- Academic records, in English translation, for postsecondary studies outside the United States. These must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

## Application Deadlines

Domestic students should apply for the fall semester by June 15, for the spring semester by November 1 and for the summer semester by April 1. International students should apply by May 1 for the fall semester, October 1 for the spring semester, and by February 1 for the summer semester.

## Review Process

Applications are reviewed by committee.

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## Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
School of Education Master's programs and Graduate Certificates	\$680

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
Master of Arts (MA) in Educational Leadership with Catholic Education Concentration	\$440

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

For more information about Saint Louis University scholarships and financial aid, please visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

## Learning Outcomes

The master's in educational leadership program aligns with the Missouri Leadership Development System Standards (MLDS) and with the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL).

The areas included in the MLDS include visionary leader, instructional leader, managerial leader, relational leader, and innovative leader. The outcomes are aligned with the SLU graduate student outcomes.

The Catholic school leadership program additionally aligns with the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools (NSBECS) and the Catholic Bishop Council in the Vatican.

## Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Outcomes

1. Graduates will assess data, relevant literature, administration practices, and educational theories to analyze issues related to building-level administration practices.
2. Graduates will apply knowledge about evidence-based leadership, communication, financial, legal, curriculum/instruction/assessment, and management practices to work in building-level educational administration areas.
3. Graduates will articulate explanations about leadership, communication, legal, financial, curriculum/instruction/assessment, and management in educational administration.
4. Graduates will evidence educational leadership practices demonstrating professional ethics.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
EDL 5100	Foundations of Ed Admin	3
EDL 5300	School Law	2
EDL 5450	Curriculum Development and Implementation Fidelity	3
EDR 5000 or EDR 5100	General Research Methods for Education Intro to Inferential Stats: Ed	3
EDR 5500	Evaluation of Education Programs	3
EDL 5630	The Principalship	3
EDL 5660	Principalship II	3
EDL 5730	Building Level Professional Development and Teacher Evaluation	3
EDL 6500	School Finance	2-3
<b>Program Electives</b>		<b>6-11</b>

*Students choose the Standard Track or the Catholic Education concentration*

<i>Standard Track</i>		
EDL 5500	Professional Seminar	
EDL 5913 or EDL 5000	Internship: Building Principal Educational Leadership Non-Certification Practicum	
EDL 6390	Gateway Leadership Institute	
<i>Catholic Education Concentration</i>		
EDL 5000 or EDL 5913	Educational Leadership Non-Certification Practicum Internship: Building Principal	
EDL 5150	Special Dimensions of Ed Admin	

**Total Credits 32-36**

## Non-Course Requirements

Students seeking Missouri certification as a principal must pass both the practicum (for the Catholic Education track) and internship course and pass the Missouri Leaders Performance assessment.

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

## Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

All courses are offered online via Zoom and Canvas, SLU's learning management system, with the exception of Gateway Leadership Institute, which is held on campus for three days in June.

## Standard Track

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDL 5100	Foundations of Ed Admin	3
EDL 5450	Managing the Building Level Curriculum	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDL 5630	The Principalship	3
EDL 5300	School Law	2
EDL 6500	School Finance	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
EDR 5000	General Research Methods for Education	3
EDL 6390	Gateway Leadership Institute	2
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDL 5660	Principalship II	3
EDL 5730	Building Level Professional Development and Teacher Evaluation	3
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDL 5500	Professional Seminar	2
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal	1
EDR 5500	Evaluation of Education Programs	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

## Catholic Education Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDL 5660	Principalship II	3
EDL 5730	Building Level Professional Development and Teacher Evaluation	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDL 5300	School Law	3
EDL 6500	School Finance	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
EDL 5000	Educational Leadership Non-Certification Practicum	3
Research Course		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDR 5500	Evaluation of Education Programs	3

EDL 5630	The Principalship	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDL 5100	Foundations of Ed Admin	3
EDL 5450	Managing the Building Level Curriculum	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
EDL 5150	Special Dimensions of Ed Admin	3
EDL 5913	Internship: Building Principal (Optional, but required for Missouri state certification as a principal.)	0-3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3-6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>33-36</b>

## Program Notes

The master's in educational leadership cohort program in Catholic school leadership includes outcomes aligned with national and state standards as well as those articulated by the Catholic Church. All courses are taught in a four-Saturday format (fall and spring), and in an eight-week period spanning mid-May to mid-July in the summer.

The program is designed to prepare students for school-level leadership positions, most commonly the principalship in Catholic elementary, middle and high schools, as well as teacher leadership. Coursework engages students with the unique aspects of Catholic educational leadership including spiritual leadership, the vocation of the Catholic school educator, the evangelizing Catholic school, and non-public school administration such as recruitment, funding mechanisms and laws applicable in religious schools, while preparing students to take the assessments for principal certification. Students seeking Missouri state certification as a building principal are required to take EDL 5913 Internship: Building Principal.

## Contact Us

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For additional admission questions, please contact:  
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