

University of Alaska Anchorage Educational Leadership Program

HANDBOOK



Educational Leadership Program
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<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/school-of-education/>

Educational Leadership Program

The Educational Leadership program is designed for individuals seeking advanced professional preparation to become school leaders. The program specifically prepares individuals for principal positions.

Two program options are available

- Master of Education (MEd) in Educational Leadership, and a Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership with a Principal Endorsement (K-8, and/or 7-12)
- OR
- Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership with a Principal Endorsement (K-8, and/or 7-12)

Both programs of study are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and meet the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) standards for school leader preparation.

Master of Education – Educational Leadership

The Master of Education (MEd) in Educational Leadership is for students without a master's degree who are pursuing a Type B Administrative Credential endorsement from the State of Alaska. Students are required to complete both the *foundation core* and the *principal's core* courses for a total of 35 credits.

Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership

(Type B Administrative Services Endorsement)

The Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership is for students with a master's degree who are seeking professional preparation necessary for a Type B Administrative Services Credential from the State of Alaska. Students are required to complete the *principal's core* courses for a total of 26 credits. (Transcripts are reviewed to verify a minimum of 6 credits in educational research methodology.)

Admission Requirements

Prospective students must apply to both the University of Alaska Anchorage and the School of Education Educational Leadership Program.

University of Alaska Anchorage Requirements

Qualifications

- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States or a foreign equivalent which indicates student's ability to pursue graduate work.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 (minimum) on a 4.0 scale, or meet the GPA requirements of the specific graduate program to which you wish to apply.

Required Admission Documents

- Graduate admission application and \$75 fee.
- Official transcripts reflecting completion of all baccalaureate or master degrees. Must also include any transcripts with graduate credit.
- Official graduate test scores such as the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Millers Analogy Test (MAT) may be required by specific programs.

Visit the UAA Graduate Admission website for detailed information and access to the Admission Application. <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions/apply/index.cshtml>

School of Education Requirements

1. Master of Education – Principal

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/school-of-education/programs/educational-leadership.cshtml>

- School of Education, Educational Leadership Application
- Three years teaching experience (minimum) as a certificated teacher or special services provider (Type C)
- Current teacher certificate or provide evidence of eligibility for an Alaska Teacher Certificate
- GPA of 3.0 (minimum) on a 4.0 scale
- Three (3) EDL Dispositional Rating Forms (professional references). At least one rating form must be from an educational supervisor who has evaluated the candidate.
- Reflective essay detailing your motivation for applying to the EDL program. Refer to directions in the Writing Evaluation Rubric included in the School of Education application.
- Curriculum vitae/resume documenting educational experience.

2. Graduate Certificate – Principal

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/school-of-education/programs/educational-leadership.cshtml#fndtn-ELCert>

- School of Education, Educational Leadership Application
- Three years teaching experience (minimum) as a certificated teacher or special services provider (Type C)
- Current teacher certificate or provide evidence of eligibility for an Alaska Teacher Certificate
- Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- GPA of 3.0 (minimum) on a 4.0 scale
- Six (6) credits (minimum) of educational research methodology
- Three (3) EDL Dispositional Rating Forms (professional references). At least one rating form must be from an educational supervisor who has evaluated the candidate.
- Reflective essay detailing your motivation for applying to the EDL program. Refer to directions in the Writing Evaluation Rubric included in the School of Education application.
- Curriculum vitae/resume documenting educational experience.

Program of Study

Admission to the program begins in summer. Students are expected to begin the Program of Study with EDL A610, Introduction to Graduate Studies in Leadership, in the summer sessions. All courses must be complete before beginning the internship.

Course	Title	Offered	MEd	Graduate Certificate
EDL A610	Orientation to Graduate Studies in Leadership	Summer	2	2
EDL A620	Leadership in Alaska Culture & Social Justice Issues	Spring/Summer	3	-
EDL A637	Organizational Theory & Change	Fall	3	3
EDL A638	Instructional Leadership & Student Learning	Fall	3	3
EDL A639	Politics, Law & Ethics in Leadership	Spring	3	3
EDL A644	School Resource Allocation & Management	Spring	3	3
EDL A692A	Principal Seminar I	Fall	3	3
EDL A692B	Principal Seminar II	Spring	3	3
EDL A695	Principal Internship	Fall & Spring	6	6
EDRS A661	Data-Informed Instruction and Decision Making	Summer	3	-
EDRS A667	Program Evaluation	Summer	3	-
		Total Credits	35	26

Courses are conducted in Blackboard Collaborate, and use Blackboard as a Learning Management System. Additional student engagement time to complete readings, projects, research, and other assignments is required. Access to, and familiarity with, web-based technology is essential. Visit UAA Distance Education website for more information.

State Licensure Requirements Visit EED website

(<https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification/Certification.html>)

Upon completion of the Master of Education and Graduate Certification program, students must apply for a State-Approved Program Verification form for the Type B Administrator Certificate with a Principal Endorsement from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (EED)

Advising

Graduate students are assigned faculty advisors upon admission to the program.

Faculty and Staff

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Summer courses are offered based on need and demand. Please visit [UAOnline](#) for a list of courses offered or contact Brenda Henderson, Administrative Manager, at 907-786-4402 or bshenderson@alaska.edu.

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