K-12 Educational Leadership

Empowering the student through knowledge, preparation, and ethics

The K-12 educational leadership emphasis is the best way to prepare for the role of a principal. This program provides educators who have at least three years of successful teaching and leadership experience the opportunity to pursue the coursework and practice for school leadership. Upon completion, students are prepared to apply for a Utah State Board of Education (USBE) School Leadership license. Students can complete a full master's degree in six semesters or, if they already have a master's degree, an administrative certificate in three semesters.

Our program is cohort-based with a flexible delivery approach — ideal for working educators. The focus is on hands-on experience and a case-study approach. A mix of in-person and livestream courses are offered to allow students maximum flexibility, and coursework mirrors actual administrative work, including extensive interactions with local district leaders and programs. Graduates of our program enjoy a strong start to their career in school leadership, having developed an arsenal of practical tools they can use to lead their school into a brighter future.



Admission Requirements

- Verification of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- A cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0 or a GPA of 3.0 for the last 60 credits of university coursework
- A minimum of three successful years of experience as a classroom educator
- Three professional referrals who will provide recommendations through the application portal, including one from the current direct supervisor
- A successful interview with the School of Education Graduate Committee
- Submission of complete graduate application and admissions essay

Continuance and Graduation Requirements

- Complete all program hours (36)
- Complete all courses with a grade of B- or higher
- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher

- Successfully complete practicum experiences required by UVU and the USBE
- Complete courses and project requirements within five years
- Pass the state licensure exam as required by the USBE

Licensure

This Master of Education meets the USBE requirements to apply for the Utah School Leadership License.

K-12 Education Leadership Certificate Course Map (1 year)

	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
Summer Semester 1	EDLE 6120	Personal Leadership & Organizational Design	3
	EDLE 6170	Leading Change/Innovation/Educational Entrepreneurship	3
	EDLE 696R	Clinical Portfolio	1
Fall Semester 1	EDLE 6130	School Operations & Management: Finance/Law/Safety	3
	EDLE 6140	Instructional Leadership & Data-Based Decision Making	3
	EDLE 696R	Clinical Portfolio	1
Spring Semester 1	EDLE 6150	School Operations & Management: Communications/Planning/HR/Evaluatio	3
	EDLE 6160	Leading Professional Learning Communities	3
	EDLE 696R	Clinical Portfolio	1

Master of Education in K-12 Education Leadership Course Map (2 years)

	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
Summer Semester 1	EDLE 6120 EDUC 6100 EDUC 6110	Personal Leadership & Organizational Design Research Methodology Applied Statistics for Education	3 3 3
Fall Semester 1	EDLE 6130 EDLE 6140	School Operations & Management: Finance/Law/Safety Instructional Leadership & Data-Based Decision Making	3
Spring Semester 1	EDLE 6150 EDLE 6160	School Operations & Management: Communications/Planning/HR/Evaluation Leading Professional Learning Communities	3
Summer Semester 2	EDUC 6320 EDUC 6330 EDLE 6170	21st Century Instruction and Assessmen Diversity and Differentiation in the Classroom Leading Change/Innovation/Educational Entrepreneurship	3 3 3
Fall Semester 2	EDLE 6200	Master's Project	3
Spring Semester 2	EDLE 696R	Clinical Portfolio	3

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