



Master of Education in Educational Leadership



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Penn State's 30-credit online M.Ed. in Educational Leadership program is designed to prepare you to be an effective 21st-century teacher and school leader. The mission of the program is to produce outstanding leaders who are committed to continual improvement in education, who believe higher levels of learning are possible for all students, and who are committed to the ideals of equity, inclusivity, and social justice.

As a student in this program, you can learn to analyze data and apply peer-reviewed research when making informed decisions about instruction. You can also develop skills to cultivate relationships and enhance school culture for improving student learning outcomes and organizational effectiveness.

In this program, you can choose from three options: Teacher Leader, School Leader with Principal Certification, and School Leader without Principal Certification. You can also opt to complete a Graduate Certificate for Principalship.

Teacher Leader

Recent research underscores the need for school leaders to rely on teachers to help lead a school. Our Teacher Leader emphasis area provides you with the knowledge and skills to make the transition from classroom teacher to "teacher leader." In this curriculum, your perspective will evolve from a classroom view to a whole-school view of people, programs, and administration. Our Teacher Leader graduates often seek leadership opportunities such as grade-level teacher leader, team leader, or department head.

School Leader with Principal Certification

Created for students who are interested in school leadership and have career plans to become a building principal in Pennsylvania, this emphasis area includes Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)–approved course work leading toward principal certification. A yearlong internship in a real-world setting under the supervision of accomplished administrators serves as the final (capstone) course work in this program.

School Leader without Principal Certification

Students interested in school leadership but who have no career plans to become certified as a building principal can choose this emphasis that does not include Pennsylvania principal certification. Most students in this option are not residents of Pennsylvania. In place of a yearlong internship, students participate in a modified internship for one semester as the final 3-credit (capstone) course. During the modified internship, students work with a building administrator in a school setting to develop leadership knowledge and skills. Students will also complete a reflection paper.

To learn more about the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, visit:

worldcampus.psu.edu/edleader

Graduate Certificate for Principalsip

This 18-credit online certificate can help you acquire the credentials to become a certified Pennsylvania school principal or administrator. The program complies with current requirements of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, the National Educational Leadership Preparation Program, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Our faculty have field-based experience in both the public and private sectors. If you reside outside of Pennsylvania, please consult with

your state department of education about reciprocity prior to submitting an application to this program.

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Why Penn State?

In 1892, Penn State founded one of the nation's first correspondence courses. Over the years, our distance education options have evolved to include technology-enhanced learning experiences, culminating in the foundation of Penn State World Campus in 1998. As a pioneer in distance learning, we have significant experience in understanding the needs of off-campus students. Additionally, there are many reasons to choose educational leadership at Penn State:

- › courses are designed around best practices in online delivery and are authored by recognized full-time faculty members, with input and review by practicing teachers and school leaders
- › instructors include a mix of research faculty, experienced practitioners, and sitting building/district leaders
- › curriculum is aligned with state and national standards for both teacher and school leadership

Collaboration

The online Master of Education in Educational Leadership program is a collaboration between Penn State World Campus and Penn State's College of Education and connects you with renowned faculty who can help you develop strong educational leadership skills.

Reputation

Penn State is universally regarded as one of the finest educational institutions in the United States. Putting a Penn State educational leadership graduate degree or certificate on your résumé is a great way to prove to current and potential employers that you are a well-educated professional.

An Exceptional Student/Alumni Body

Whether you take our courses online or in a traditional classroom, as a "Penn Stater," you:

- › become part of an institution with more than 150 years of excellence in teaching, research, and service
- › join a global community of exceptional adult learners from all 50 states, more than 40 countries, and 7 continents
- › become part of a proud worldwide network of more than 750,000 alumni

Equity and Diversity

We value individual uniqueness, foster a culture of inclusion that leverages the educational benefits of diversity, and engage all learners in the development of leadership that promotes equity for all.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much is tuition?

Tuition is based on cost-per-credit, which may vary based on your program of study. Tuition rates are assessed every semester of enrollment. As a student, you may incur additional charges, such as credit-by-examination, exam proctor, and transcript fees, during your course of study. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date tuition rate. You may wish to explore tuition reimbursement opportunities within your district, especially within districts that may identify Penn State as a preferred instructional program.

Does Penn State World Campus offer financial aid?

World Campus makes many options available to help you pay for your education. Full- and part-time degree-seeking students are eligible for federal student aid. We also have different options to help you, such as deferred payment plans, third-party payments for employed professionals, and military payment options.

For more information, please visit: worldcampus.psu.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid

Is this online program the real Penn State?

Yes. Penn State World Campus was launched in 1998 as Penn State's virtual campus administered online. It has since grown into one of the most highly regarded online campuses — extending Penn State's reach across the world. No distinction will be made on your official Penn State diploma that your courses were completed at a distance.



Begin Your Application Today

Admissions decisions for the Master of Education in Educational Leadership and the Graduate Certificate for Principalship are based on the quality of your complete application portfolio.

Your application portfolio must include:

- › online graduate application and fee
- › official transcripts from each institution attended
- › successful undergraduate record with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- › three letters of recommendation
- › statement of purpose
- › résumé
- › writing sample
- › TOEFL or IELTS scores, if applicable



To apply or for more information about these application materials, visit: worldcampus.psu.edu/edleader

Did You Know?

- › Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned on campus, but provide the flexibility to complete course work at times and places convenient for you.
- › Penn State's College of Education is regularly ranked among the nation's best graduate schools by *U.S. News & World Report*.



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