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Master of Education in Educational Leadership

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"Combining both research with proven methods and practice in the workplace, our program is designed for working professionals interested in developing their leadership goals and experiences to become effective educational leaders."

—Ron Musoleno, PhD
Associate Professor, Educational Leadership
Program Coordinator, Principal and
Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility
Certifications
Department of Education Policy Studies



Master of Education in Educational Leadership

The online MEd in Educational Leadership is a 30-credit graduate program designed to help you become a strong academic school leader. In this program you can choose from two emphasis areas, depending on your career goals:

- The **teacher leader** emphasis can benefit you if you want to take on additional roles as a leader but continue to teach in the classroom.
- The **school leader** emphasis can help you achieve your goal of becoming a principal or other school administrator.

To learn more about the MEd in Educational Leadership, visit:

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Graduate Certificate for Principalship

This 18-credit certificate can help you acquire the credentials to become a certified Pennsylvania school principal or administrator. The program complies with current requirements of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Educational Leadership Constituent Council, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Our program's 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.

To learn more about the Graduate Certificate for Principalship, visit:

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Curriculum for the MEd in Educational Leadership

As a successful student in this program, you should be able to analyze data, make informed decisions with an understanding of school culture and climate and how these can influence learning, and cultivate relationships in a fast-paced, dynamic environment.

The curriculum is offered in two emphasis areas:

Teacher Leader

Schools need skilled leaders. This option can provide you with the tools you will need to make the transition from classroom teacher to "teacher leader." Typically, teachers selecting this option seek leadership opportunities, such as grade-level teacher leader, team leader, or department head. In this curriculum, your perspective will evolve from a classroom view to a wholeschool view of people, programs, and administration.

School Leader

In this program, you can enhance your ability to think critically and to formulate decisions in a high-stakes setting. You will be exposed to a myriad of school administration topics and experiences to help you prepare to become an effective school leader. Through specially designed course work that addresses Pennsylvania standards, and a dedicated internship with a mentor in the field, you can acquire a substantial base of experiences to aid in your future role as a school administrator.



Why Penn State?

Online Delivery Experience— Penn State's World Campus

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's World Campus in 1998. As a pioneer in distance learning, we have significant experience in understanding the needs of off-campus students.

You can experience courses that are:

- designed around best practices in online delivery
- taught by faculty with experience teaching in an online environment
- created using technology to support successful learning outcomes, not just convenience

A Fully Supported Education

When you think of online education, you may feel like you are on your own, but that cannot be further from the truth. Our team of career academic advisers and helpdesk support is vested in your success. Through World Campus, you will have access to student support services just like our students on campus.

Our student services include:

- new student orientation
- academic advising and career counseling resources
- a nationally recognized research library
- technical help desk
- tutorials

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 631,000 alumni and, upon your graduation, you can choose to join the largest alumni association in the world, with more than 174,000 members



Frequently Asked Questions

How much is tuition?

Tuition is based on cost-per-credit as is associated with your program of study. Tuition rates are assessed every semester of enrollment. As a student, you may incur additional charges, such as creditby-examination, exam proctor, and transcript fees, during your course of study. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date tuition rate.

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 degreeseeking 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.



What does the online classroom look like?

Our philosophy for designing online courses: Use the latest technology to best deliver the content in the most flexible way while keeping the technology transparent to you. We use one centralized platform where you can log into your classroom. There you can get assignments, interact with faculty and peers, reply to message boards, and do more.

How long will it take me to finish my program?

This answer varies for each student. There are many factors (e.g., transfer credits, course load per semester) that influence how long it will take. Depending on the program, some students are able to complete 12 credits every year—others more than 20 credits. You will work closely with an adviser to determine the best course of action for you to complete the program.

To obtain additional information, visit **worldcampus.psu.edu**

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Begin Your Application Today

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

Your application portfolio must include:

- online application and fee
- statement of purpose
- three letters of recommendation
- résumé
- writing sample
- official GRE or MAT scores (required as of January 1, 2016)
- a successful undergraduate record with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- TOEFL or IELTS scores, if applicable
- two official transcripts from each institution attended



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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