Master of Arts in Education/Administration and Supervision

As an experienced educator, you’re ready to start leading and helping teachers thrive. Advance your education and prepare for K-12 school principal licensure with a Master of Arts in Education/Administration and Supervision.

You’ll study from curriculum aligned with national standards set by the Professional Standards for Educational Leadership (PSEL) and complete an administrative internship to gain real-world, field-based experience in school administration.

Our program support specialist can help you navigate principal licensure and credentialing requirements. We’ll also help you with school placements for your clinical experience and clinical practice through our close partnerships with hundreds of school districts nationwide. Requirements for licensure vary by state.

View your state’s principal licensure requirements.

Top skills learned in this program:

- Professionalism
- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Leadership
- Research
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Projected job growth:

8%
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics

What can you do with a Master of Arts in Education/Administration and Supervision?

A MAEd/ADM can prepare you to be a:

- Principal
- Vice principal
- Athletic director
- School administrator

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth for elementary, middle and high school principals is projected to be as fast as average between 2020 and 2030.

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Total credits required: 38

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 38 credits to complete this Master of Arts in Education/Administration and Supervision. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits.

15 Core courses

Here's where you'll pick up your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in an education environment.

- ADMIN/500: Orientation to Administration and Supervision
- COM/516: Professional Communications
- ADMIN/518: Leadership and Collaborative Processes
- ADMIN/570: Equity, Diversity, and Access in Education
- ADMIN/555: School Policy and Law for Principals
- ADMIN/524: Supervision of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
- ADMIN/591A: Principal Internship Part I: Instructional Leadership
- ADMIN/528: Administration of Special Programs
- ADMIN/536: School Finance and Facilities Management
- ADMIN/560: Human Resources Leadership and Management
- ADMIN/591B: Principal Internship Part II: Organizational Management
- ADMIN/575: Family, Community, and Media Relations
- CUR/535: Research for Improved Practice
- ADMIN/565: School Improvement Processes
- ADMIN/591C: Administrative Internship Part III: Professional Practice

1 Elective course

Elective courses allow you to learn about topics you're interested in. That means you'll have a degree that's unique to you and your education goals.

COE Central

College of Education students will find many helpful resources on COE Central. Program handbooks provide a wealth of information on topics such as professional expectations, clinical experiences, clinical practice, internships, edTPA and much more. Milestone roadmaps, technology and multimedia resources, and various toolkits are also available.
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Schedule

Your academic counselor will help you schedule your classes for the Master of Arts in Education/Administration and Supervision. Plus, you’ll find support from our dedicated program support specialists who partner with you during your required 30 hours field experience (minimum) and 240 hours internship (or more if required by your state). Our program support specialists also help you navigate state licensure requirements, principal certification and any questions you encounter along the way.

What you’ll learn

When you earn your online Master of Arts in Education/Administration and Supervision, you’ll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job. You’ll learn how to:

- Design and implement school leadership practices to produce a positive impact on P-12 student learning.
- Evaluate effective professional practice.
- Apply professional ethics to leadership practices.
- Evaluate community factors to address the needs of diverse populations.
- Evaluate research and synthesize information from multiple sources.

Program Purpose Statement

The Master of Arts in Education/Administration and Supervision is a graduate degree program intended to prepare candidates for K-12 school principal licensure. Candidates for this program have already earned a bachelor’s degree. The program includes a clinical component requiring field experiences and an administrative internship above and beyond program coursework. There may be additional qualifications and/or disqualifications applicable in order to work as a principal with any local, state or federal entity. Requirements for licensure vary by state.

View requirements for principal licensure for your state.

The Master of Arts in Education/Administration and Supervision (MAEd/ADM) program educationally prepares students to apply for initial principal certification in select states.

Educator/Principal licensure requirements vary by state. Candidates located in a state that does not provide a direct path to licensure will be required to obtain Arizona certification first, prior to seeking licensure in their home state as an out-of-state prepared teacher/principal candidate. Arizona certification requires candidates to pass all Arizona-specific licensure requirements, including any Arizona-specific exams (or home state equivalents if recognized by Arizona Department of Education.) After obtaining an Arizona teacher/principal certificate, candidates can then apply for licensure in their home state and may be required to complete additional testing and/or requirements at additional cost. Program requirements may change based upon your home state’s agency licensure requirements. Please visit the teacher licensure page or the principal licensure page for state specific requirements prior to reaching out to your state agency.

*While widely available, not all programs are available to residents of all states. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.

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