



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO
College of Education and Human Development

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Texas A&M University-San Antonio offers three programs of study; a Master's degree in Educational Administration, Principal certification, and Superintendent certification. The programs emphasize practical applications and competencies critical to principal and superintendent effectiveness in improving instruction, teacher quality and student achievement. It is the goal of the Educational Administration program at A&M-San Antonio to serve the needs of local school districts by developing highly skilled administrators. The Department of Educator and Leadership Preparation is committed to extending the knowledge base of educational leadership through a combination of scholarly inquiry, reflective practices, and student-centered learning.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- The total number of credit hours required for a master's degree is 33 and includes State of Texas training for Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) supervisory certification.
- Principal (24 credit hours) and Superintendent (15 credit hours) are certification programs that can be completed in one to two years.
- Coursework is offered in convenient online classes.

The University believes that this approach affords students the greatest amount of freedom and flexibility while also emphasizing student support resulting in highly-skilled graduates.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The program is designed for students interested in educational leadership whose career goals include teacher leadership, principalship, central office leadership, or superintendency.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant to the graduate program in Educational Administration must complete the following:

1. Each applicant must submit their application and required documents by the appropriate semester deadline to GradCAS at gradcas.liasoncas.org/apply
2. Students seeking admission to the program must meet the basic requirements outlined in the Admissions section of the catalog. Students must have a valid Texas teaching certificate for entrance into the program. Applicants without an appropriate background may be required to complete additional preparatory coursework at gradcas.liasoncas.org/appl.
3. For questions regarding the application process, contact the Office of Graduate Studies, graduate.studies@tamusa.edu.
4. Candidates will submit a letter of recommendation from a current or former school leader, peer, A&M-San Antonio Education Leadership Program alumni, or current student in the Educational Leadership Program. In addition to an interview with the Graduate Advisor, candidates will submit a writing sample to be evaluated by the program faculty.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

In order to receive unconditional admission to the program, students must meet University admission requirements. Recommendations from campus and/or district supervisors will be considered for conditional admission. Students in this program must have a valid Texas teaching certificate for entrance into the program. Applicants without an appropriate background may be required to submit additional materials or complete additional preparatory coursework.

VISIT THE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM WEBSITE AT:

WWW.TAMUSA.EDU/EDLP

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Candidates seeking only Principal Certification must earn a minimum of 24 semester credit hours as follows:

CODE	COURSE	CREDITS
EDAD 5341	School Administration	3
EDAD 5301	Behavioral and Organizational Foundations of Education	3
EDAD 5315	Administration of the Various Special Programs in Education	3
EDAD 5383	Public School Law	3
EDAD 5313	Public School Finance	3
EDAD 5344	Supervision	3
EDAD 5302	Elementary and Secondary Curricula	3
EDAD 5345	Internship in School Administration ¹	3
¹ Course should be taken in final semester.		TOTAL CREDITS 24

TEXAS PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates seeking only Principal Certification must earn a minimum of 24 semester credit hours as follows:

- Possess a valid teaching certification in the State of Texas (TAC §241.15);
- Document two years of classroom teaching experience in an accredited school;
- Hold a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
- Successfully complete a State Board for Educator Certification-approved principalship preparation program and be recommended for certification by that program; and
- Pass the principal certification exams (TEXES - 268 and PASL exams).

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This is an example of a degree track for Educational Administration, Master of Arts.

FIRST YEAR		
FIRST SEMESTER		CREDITS
EDAD 5301	Behavioral and Organizational Foundation of Education	3
EDAD 5341	School Administration	3
SECOND SEMESTER		
EDAD 5302	Elementary and Secondary Curricula	3
EDAD 5383	Public School Law	3
THIRD SEMESTER		
EDAD 5315	Administration of the Various Special Programs in Education	3
EDAD 5382	School Public Relations	3
SECOND YEAR		
FIRST SEMESTER		CREDITS
EDAD 5313	School Administration: Public School Finance	3
EDAD 5329	Educational Research	3
SECOND SEMESTER		
EDAD 5344	Supervision	3
EDAD 5345	Internship in School Administration	3
THIRD SEMESTER		
EDAD 5330	Multicultural Education for Educators	3
		TOTAL CREDITS 33

Candidates for the Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration must earn a minimum of 33 semester credit hours. Students must pass a comprehensive examination toward the end of their formal coursework.

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