

Master of

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

EDL M.Ed. Degree Program

2
Years

12
Courses

36
Credits

**NOW
OFFERING**

TWO Program Tracks

**SAME DEGREE.
SAME COURSES.
SAME FACULTY.**

About Our Programs

- Cohort based
- Flexible for working professionals
- High completion rates
- Approved by the Arizona Department of Education for Principal and Supervisor Certification

Most graduates of the program successfully transition into leadership roles within one year of graduation!



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
College of Education

PROGRAM COMPARISON

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Tucson Main Campus M.Ed. Program

- Cohorts begin each fall
- Hybrid instructional format
- Evening courses
- Micro-credential digital badge offered exclusively through UA Main Campus
- Preferable for those who like in person, face to face learning with their peers & instructor



AZ Med

Distance Campus M.Ed. Program

- Cohorts begin in Spring 2026
- Asynchronous, fully online
- No real time/live attendance required
- Good for those who prefer learning independently through digital learning experiences

COURSE INFORMATION

EDL M.Ed. Degree Program: 36 Credit Hours (12 Courses)

Core Courses: 21 Semester Hours

- Trends in Educational Leadership: Theory, Research & Practice
- The Principalship
- Arizona Education Law
- School Finance
- Supervision of the Instructional Program
- Curriculum Leadership & Data Literacy for Continuous School Improvement
- Internship (Principal or Leadership)
 - Internships placements are in Arizona school districts or related organizations

Research Courses: 6 Semester Hours

- Disciplined Inquiry in Education
- Problems in Educational Leadership: Capstone

Elective Courses: 9 Semester Hours *(Other courses may be substituted with permission)*

- School, Family, and Community Relations
- Culturally Responsive Leadership and Policy
- Leadership for Educational Change

Successful completion of these courses satisfies the academic requirements for administrative certifications in Arizona.

Please see the [**Arizona Department of Education**](#) website for additional information about state certification requirements.

Once students complete their program of study, we can provide an Institutional Recommendation (IR) to help facilitate the certification process.

CERTIFICATION-ONLY OPTIONS

The University of Arizona also offers three certification-only options through the EDL M.Ed. program for those educators who have already earned a master's degree. Applicants interested in the Principal, Superintendent, or Education Supervisor certification can enroll as a non-degree seeking (NDC) student to complete their academic requirements for state certification.

Certification-only options are currently offered through the UA main campus.

Interested candidates should contact the program Director for additional details and academic advisement. This advisement will include a review of transcripts and the creation of a personalized plan of study specific to each student's needs.

**These options are subject to the availability of courses (when offered), and course enrollment capacity.*

MORE INFORMATION

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO APPLY?

EDL MED Degree Program Application Requirements:

- Basic demographics & contact information
- Undergraduate degree or higher
 - Official Transcripts
 - Minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Resume or CV
- 2 Years Experience Working in PK-12 Setting*
- TOEFL Scores (if applicable)
- Two Professional References
- Personal Narrative Statement
 - 200-500 Words
 - Highlighting past experiences, career goals and leadership
- Certification seeking applicants must also provide: Copies of their current Professional Certificate & Valid IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card.
- Small application fee (\$90)

***Preferred requirements:** Applicants currently working in PK-12 organizations

KEY DATES

Application Windows

- **Tucson Main Campus**
 - December 1 - June 1
- **Distance Campus**
 - August 1 - October 30

This is a competitive application process with limited applicants accepted each year. Applicants are encouraged to apply early for best opportunities for admissions and funding.

PROGRAM COSTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Current Cost of Attendance
 - [Bursar's Office](#)
- Funding Opportunities
 - [Scholarship Universe](#)
 - [Graduate Scholarships](#)
 - [COE Scholarships](#)
 - [Other Resources](#)

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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Ready to Apply?