



UNIVERSITY OF
ST. THOMAS
HOUSTON

MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP WITH PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION

HYBRID OR ONLINE | 18 MONTHS | 30 CREDIT HOURS

FOR

Experienced educators with at least two years teaching experience who are interested in becoming an administrator in a K-12 school or district.

WHAT YOU LEARN

The program leading to a professional Principal certificate is designed to provide individuals with an opportunity to acquire knowledge and practical experience for assuming the role of principal and a variety of other administrative positions in the public schools.

HOW YOU LEARN

Face-to-Face: This is a cohort program. Students will take one course at a time, attending class one night a week from 5:00 to 8:00, with three (3) hours of additional online work every week. Every semester, students will complete two seven (7) week courses. EDUC 6330, Administrative Internship I, and EDUC 6331, Administrative Internship II, are both 15 week courses. Students will only meet three times a semester for a face-to-face meeting with the course professor. The bulk of the work is done on the student's campus and in independent work. During Summer Session, students will attend two different night classes. Summer Session begins the last week in May and continues until the first week in July. Summer Session hours run from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Online: This is an online cohort program. Students will check in online to complete assignments and participate in online discussions and group activities. While there are no face-to-face requirements, some live online sessions and/or conference call sessions may be required. Students will finish two courses every 15 weeks.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, students will earn a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership and be eligible to take the TExES Principal Exam for principal certification in the state of Texas. Principal certification is typically used for all administrative positions, from assistant principal to assistant superintendent in Texas K-12 schools. Students who already hold a UST Master's degree have the option to complete Principal Certification as a second resource area on their transcripts.

DEGREE PLAN

EDUC 5392	The Principalship	3
EDUC 6335	Administrative Practicum I	3
EDUC 5391	School Law	3
EDUC 6336	Administrative Practicum II	3
EDUC 5390	Educational Leadership	3
EDUC 6306	Introduction to School Finance	3
EDUC 5310	Clinical Supervision	3
EDUC 6326	Educational Research and Scholarly Writing	3
EDUC 6327	Educational Research Design and Data Analysis	3
EDUC 5397	Curriculum Planning and Development	3

Total Credit Hours: 30

REQUIREMENTS

Students working towards a Principal Certificate must have two years of creditable teaching experience as a classroom teacher in a TEA approved public/private school which is documented by a copy of a valid service record. Additionally, a valid Texas Teaching Certificate is required for the Principal Certificate. Generally creditable teaching experience requires both a Content Exam and A PPR Exam. The following types of experience are identified as not creditable for the purpose of Professional Certification: Librarian, Speech Therapist, Teachers Aid, Substitute Teaching or Associate Teacher. For certification, candidates must achieve a satisfactory level of performance on the Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) in the area of Principal.