



MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION ONLY

ONLINE | 1 YEAR | 18 CREDIT HOURS

FOR

Experienced educators with a master's degree and 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

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 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 5315	Instructional Leadership	3
EDUC 5390	Educational Leadership	3

Total Credit Hours: 18

PROGRAM OPTIONS

The University of St. Thomas' Principal Certification Program is for students who already hold a Master's degree. Once students complete the program, they will be prepared to sit for the Principal certification exam.

Students with a UST Masters of Education degree may add a second resource area to their Master's degree. By earning a second resource area, students keep current in the field which increases opportunities in the job market.

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.