

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION: PRE-K - 12 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL - ONLINE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Arts (M.A.) in Educational Administration, Pre-K-12 Principal program provides aspiring school leaders a combination of online courses and field experiences that draw upon the best available theory, research, and experiential wisdom. The coursework is offered online while the field-based internship is completed under the supervision of experienced school administrators. This provides a purposeful balance of academic preparation and field-based practical experience to produce an effective school administrator.

Upon completion of the online Educational Administration degree, including the accompanying field-based internship, students may earn PK-12 Principal licensure. Students should contact their state for specific licensure requirements.

DELIVERY METHOD

The University of South Dakota offers busy professionals an opportunity to earn a Master of Arts degree totally online! Learn real-world solutions from distinguished faculty from the University of South Dakota who have a strong commitment to your success within a virtual learning environment.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School and specific requirements of the educational administration program. Graduate School requirements can be accessed online at www.usd.edu/grad.

To be eligible for the Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration, applicants must:

- Possess a valid teaching certificate for licensure
- Possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning and an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) or its equivalent (2.5 for provisional admission)
- GRE score = Full Admission: Minimum GRE Score of 150 Verbal and 140 Quantitative or above; Combined score of 290 or above. Or minimum MAT score: MAT 45 (scaled = 403) or above. Provisional Admission: Minimum GRE Score of 145 Verbal and 140 Quantitative or above; Combined score of 285 or above. Or minimum MAT Score: 35 (scaled = 388) or above.
- Provide official transcripts from all institutions of higher learning
- Provide three letters of recommendation
- Provide a Statement of Purpose

TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm

GETTING STARTED

Prospective graduate students may apply through the Graduate School at www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm.

The Graduate School forwards completed application to the appropriate academic department for review. The department will then recommend the admission status of the applicant to the Dean of the Graduate School, who will make the final decision on admission. Students may be accepted to the University of South Dakota Graduate School with full admission or provisional admission.

Once accepted, students can register online through WebAdvisor at www.usd.edu/webadvisor or through the online form located at <https://www.usd.edu/registration>.

NON-DEGREE PURSUANT STATUS

To experience the University of South Dakota as a non-degree pursuant student, the University offers graduate students the option of learning under a non-degree pursuant classification. Up to nine credit hours earned as a non-degree pursuant student may be applied to a graduate degree from USD at the discretion of the academic department.

Please note: Enrollment in a course does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Enrolling as a non-degree pursuant student is easy. Simply complete the online registration form at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration> during the registration session open to the public.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit www.usd.edu/edad or contact a higher education service site that is appropriate for you:

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Vermillion area & Worldwide**
Division of Continuing Education
1-800-233-7937
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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE ROTATIONS

Major Area Required Courses (21 credit hours minimum)

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
EDAD 701	Introduction to Educational Administration (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 710	Elementary School Administration (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring, Every Summer
EDAD 711	Secondary School Administration (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring, Every Summer
EDAD 715	The Administrator & Instructional Supervision (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 716	The Administrator & Curriculum Development (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 720	Special Educational Law for School Administrators (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 735	School Law (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 740	School Community Relations (3 cr.)	Online	Every Fall, Every Spring
EDAD 794	Internship/Field Experience - Elementary & Secondary Levels (3 cr)		Every Semester
EDAD	Electives (0-6 cr)	Online	Every Semester

Supporting Area Required Courses (9 credit hours minimum)

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
EDER 761	Research Methods in Education (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
Electives	From C&I, CPE Divisions (3-6 cr)	Online	Every Semester

**Master of Arts in Educational Administration/Pre-K - 12 Principal Program Total:
Minimum 32 credit hours required**

*** If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 Fax: 605-677-3172 E-mail: disabilityservices@usd.edu**

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