The Educational Leadership Certificate is a 28-credit program for teachers, school counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers with a minimum of a master’s degree seeking PK-12 Principal (5051) licensure through the WI Department of Public Instruction. The philosophy of the program is a learning-in-community, constructivist model with culturally relevant teaching. Students join in a cohort. The program meets the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) standards, the Wisconsin Administrative Standards, and professional educational requirements for principal licensure in Wisconsin. An administrative portfolio is required for program completion and licensure.

Program requirements

Admission requirements

1. A master’s degree in education or closely related field from an accredited institution.
2. Have completed three years of successful full-time teaching experience at any of the grades at the early childhood through adolescence developmental range, OR have completed three years of successful experience as a school counselor, a school psychologist, or a school social worker, which includes evidence of at least 540 hours of successful classroom teaching experience.
3. Hold or be eligible to hold any Professional Educator License to teach at the early childhood through adolescence developmental range or shall have completed an approved program leading to a license to teach, OR hold or be eligible to hold a Professional Educator License as a school counselor, a school psychologist, or a school social worker, or shall have completed an approved program leading to one of these licenses.
4. One of the following:
   a. An overall undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.85 on a 4.00 scale, or
   b. An average of at least 3.00 in the last half of all undergraduate work, or
   c. An average of at least 3.00 for no fewer than 12 semester credits of graduate study at another accredited graduate institution.
5. Complete online application.
6. Original transcripts.
7. Two professional letters of recommendation.
8. Copy of applicant’s teacher or administrator license.
9. Provide verification that degrees completed outside the state meet WI teaching standards.

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The Minnesota Board of School Administrators requires 30 credits beyond the master’s degree for principal licensure; therefore, those seeking Minnesota licensure must take a minimum of two additional elective credits. Learners may choose between EDU 716 Effective Communication Through Language (2 cr.), EDU 720 Digital Literacy and the Common Core (2 cr.), or EDU 735 Foundations of Professional Learning Communities (3 cr.).