The Educational Leadership program is built upon the six Washington State standards (WAC 181-78A-270) and the concept that effective schools are led by leaders well grounded in the principles of best practices in leadership and management. This degree program meets the requirements of the State Department of Public Instruction for a school principal’s certificate. Completion of the Master of Education Program and demonstrated competence in specific standards as listed by the State Board of Education will qualify the candidate for the appropriate certificate. In addition, a teaching certificate or an Educational Staff Associate certificate and demonstrated significant instructional experience are required for certification by the state of Washington. A successful school year internship of a minimum of 720 hours is required to meet the degree program and certification. Enrollment in this internship requires review and approval by the Administrative PEAB.

**Teaching certification required.**

**FIRST STEP:**
Please call Dr. Les Portner at 509-359-7018. He will talk about the program and ask about your background prior to starting any paperwork. Depending if you are an Educational Leadership Masters degree candidate (which includes Principal Certification) or a Principal Certification Only student, he will review your situation and advise you as appropriate. Permission to enroll in this internship requires review and approval by the Administrative PEAB. Candidates are expected to have at least three (3) years of experience as a teacher or an educational staff associate before completion of the program.

**Requirements (16 credits)**
- EDUC 505 Current Issues in Education (4)
- EDUC 520 Methods of Educational Research (4)
- EDUC 531/532 Elementary/Secondary School Curriculum (4)

Choose one course from the following options:
- EDUC 502 History of American Education (4)
- EDUC 506 Educational Sociology (4)
- EDUC 507 Philosophy and Organization of the American School (4)
- EDUC 591 Instructional Foundations & Interventions for Literacy Difficulties (4)

**Specialization Requirements (32 credits)**
- EDUC 551 Supervision of Instruction (4)
- EDUC 564 School Law (4)
- EDUC 565 Leadership for Today’s Schools (4)
- EDUC 566 Leadership for School-Community Relations (4)
- EDUC 567 School Administration (4)

EDUC 695 Internship (12) For those seeking **Principal Certification only**
OR
EDUC 601 Research Report (5) AND EDUC 695 Internship (7) for **MEd PLUS Certification**
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A copy of state teaching certificate must accompany the graduate application.

Required steps prior to **Master of Education** course work:

1. Apply to Graduate School
2. Apply to Educational Leadership Program. Contact the Education Department Graduate Office at 509-359-6492.