The Educational Leadership program is built upon the six Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards and the concept that effective schools are led by leaders well grounded in the principles of best practices in leadership and management. The program goal is to prepare first-rate school leaders who will make a difference for K-12 students. The program prepares school leaders who inspire teachers, students and the community. School leaders are committed to a lifetime of learning and determined to upgrade skills. This program meets the requirements of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for a school principal’s certificate.

**Careers Opportunities**

The program prepares candidates for positions in school administration: Principal, Assistant Principal, Program Administrator, Curriculum Coordinator, Department Chair, Area Director and Teacher Coaches.

**Knowledge and Skills**

The program provides graduates with informational background and leadership opportunities to effectively lead instruction in schools and school districts, including the necessary skills to make decisions essential for the successful operation of schools, including organizational leadership, curriculum, instruction, supervision, legal matters, school-community relations, planning and finance. In addition, attention is given to ethical decision-making, using data to drive decisions and developing professional learning communities. Knowledge and skills gathered during coursework are applied to the school setting through a year-long, cohort-based administrative internship.

**Curriculum**

Completion of this 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 Professional Education Advisory Board (PEAB), as well as three years of successful K-12 experience prior to the completion of the program.

The program requires 16 credit hours of core requirements, with the remainder of required credits in specialized areas for a minimum of 32 credit hours. Students working full-time and taking night classes normally complete the program in approximately two years.

**Special Features**

The program offers Principal Certification for candidates in the program and also candidates already possessing a master’s degree. It also offers a collaborative approach through cohort grouping of students with a field-based focus, performance-based assessment, continuing professional development, and applied technology.

The leadership team and specialization professors have successful K-12 administrative experience and bring practical experience and knowledge to the program.
Certification Requirements
Students who plan to work in public schools must be licensed or certified in the state in which they teach and have at least a bachelor’s degree, along with minimum performance on the written state certification teacher examinations (WEST-E for Washington State). Private and parochial schools vary in their requirements for teaching certification. Each state is different, so it is important to check state requirements before making any educational decisions.

Preparation for Admission
Teaching certification is required and a copy of the certificate must accompany graduate application. Candidates can start the program any quarter. Application deadline for Graduate Admission is two weeks prior to the start of the quarter. Earlier application is advised. There is an application fee. Candidates may apply online or by mail. Applications can be found at: http://www.ewu.edu/grad

Applications submitted by mail should be sent to:

Graduate Studies Office
206 Showalter Hall
EWU Cheney, WA 99004

This program requires that candidate have official transcripts from ALL universities attended sent directly to the EWU Graduate Studies Office at the address shown above; along with three professional recommendations. The Department of Education Graduate Office sends recommendation forms to the references you provide.
1. Mailed applications should have complete reference names and mailing addresses on the application form.
2. If you apply online, please contact the Department of Education Graduate Office with the professional reference names and mailing addresses.

Once admitted to a graduate program, you have six calendar years to complete the program. Please see the catalog for details of policies.

Prospective students of EWU can apply online via http://www.ewu.edu/admissions or contact the Office of Admissions at (509) 359-2397 to request an application.

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