



PennState
College of Education

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Education
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TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

In today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, schools require exceptional leaders who are equipped to navigate the challenges of a changing world. The Education Leadership program at Penn State in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Principals Association and the National Center on Education and Economy announce the start of the groundbreaking Advanced Principal Certificate Program.

Unlock your potential as a leader and also earn the Pennsylvania School Leader Endorsement through this cutting-edge competency-based program designed to empower candidates to showcase your ability to cultivate the capacity of others and drive equitable outcomes for students. You will receive support and mentorship from expert principals in the field as well as distinguished faculty. This unique blend of practical wisdom and academic expertise will enable candidates to tackle the real-world challenges faced by education leaders today.

Join us on this transformative journey as we empower the leaders of tomorrow. Invest in your professional growth with the Advanced Principal Certificate and become a catalyst for positive change in your school community. Apply today and shape the future of education.

This 12 credit (4 courses) program is aligned to the **National Educational Leadership Standards** (NELP, 2022), the **Pennsylvania Framework for Observation and Practice: Principal** and the **Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Standards**. Students completing this course of study are eligible to apply for the **Pennsylvania School Leader Endorsement**.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

[Certificate](#)

[Internship](#)

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ADVANCED PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATE

- **Competency-based curriculum:** Demonstrate your skills and knowledge through practical application, preparing you for the complexities of school leadership in a dynamic environment.
- **Equity-driven focus:** Learn how to foster equitable outcomes for all students, addressing the diverse needs of your school community.
- **Coaching:** Benefit from the guidance, support, and interaction with principals who have successfully navigated the current challenges of educational leadership.
- **Collaboration with renowned institutions:** Penn State's partnership with the Pennsylvania Principals Association and the National Center on Education and Economy ensures that you'll receive the highest quality education and resources.
- **Flexibility for working professionals:** Our program is designed to accommodate your busy schedule, offering in-person and online learning options.
- Learn how to build the **leadership capacity** of others through coaching.
- Learn how to effectively transmit your **practical experiences** through coaching and case studies based on personal action learning.

INTERNSHIP

- Coaching from effective principal practitioners
- Strategic planning for continuous school improvement
- Jointly assessed portfolio submissions by distinguished principals and Penn State faculty
- Emphasis on data-informed decisions
- Capacity-building strategies

FORMAT

- Online and Hybrid Courses
- Internship within an educational setting

TUITION

[Tuition Calculator](#)

[Questions](#)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must hold:

1. a Baccalaureate degree from an officially recognized degree granting institution
2. Both Pennsylvania Level I and Level II certificates (including regular and special education, school psychologist, principal, guidance counselor, speech and language clinician, occupational and physical therapist, reading specialist, and home and school visitor)

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APPLY

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