



Master of Arts (M.A.) | Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) | Principal Licensure

Educational Leadership

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Three Principal Licensure and Educational Leadership degree options from University of Northern Colorado are offered off-campus around the state to meet the needs of working professionals who have busy lives. These programs feature intensive, face-to-face summer instruction; significantly less classroom time; and all internship opportunities are scheduled during the school year.

- Principal Licensure only (27 credit hours)
- Educational Leadership Master of Arts (M.A.) with Principal Licensure (30 credit hours)
- Educational Leadership Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) with Principal Licensure (30 credit hours for those with a master's degree)

You will study side-by-side with other professionals and share ideas, problems, and successes with individuals who face everyday challenges similar to yours. For your convenience, some advising and instruction may be facilitated through the use of distance technologies. These programs are also available as on-campus traditional programs.

Educational Leadership Graduate Study at UNC

Earning a degree in Educational Leadership will enable you to develop the vision and skills to successfully lead educational organizations. You will learn to provide needed services to learners in education settings, create effective learning environments, affect policies that govern educational organizations, and model continuous learning with and for the citizens of your community.

A blurred background image of a classroom or computer lab. Several people are seated at desks with computers, and a person is standing at the front of the room, possibly a teacher or instructor.

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Educational Leadership

Prepare for Your Future and the Future of Education

Develop the vision and skills to successfully lead educational organizations. Our programs exemplify these beliefs:

- Human growth and development are lifelong pursuits.
- Organizations are artifacts of a larger society.
- Learning, teaching, and fostering collegiality are fundamental activities of educational organizations.
- Moral and ethical imperatives drive leadership behavior.
- Leadership encompasses a learned set of knowledge, skills, and attitudes.
- Effective leadership in educational organizations depends on individual and team efforts.
- Leaders' behavior and actions model their beliefs and values.
- Leaders effect positive change in individuals and organizations.

Educational Leadership Program Options

Principal Licensure—27 semester hours

This program, designed according to the Standards for Principals through the Colorado Department of Education and State Board of Education, assists you in obtaining a Colorado principal license. You can work concurrently on a Master of Arts (M.A.) or educational specialist (Ed.S.) degree. To obtain the professional license, you must have a master's degree, complete a principal license program (including an induction program), and satisfactorily pass the PLACE exam.

Leadership Core—12 hours

- ELPS 601 Leadership Development through Inquiry (3)
- ELPS 603 Shaping Organizations: Management and Leadership in Education (3)
- ELPS 604 Understanding People: Professional Development and Educational Leadership (3)
- ELPS 605 External Environments: Social, Political, and Economic Influences in Educational Leadership (3)

Additional Requirements—15 hours minimum

- ELPS 606 Internship in Educational Leadership (6)
- ELPS 654 Instructional Leadership and Supervision (3)
- ELPS 660 Law and the Administrator (3)
- ELPS 670 The Principalship: Leadership at the School Site Level (3)

Educational Leadership Master of Arts (M.A.)—30 semester hours

The master's program enables you to acquire knowledge about leadership in P-12, community college, higher education, or other educational settings. Complete the same curriculum described above for Principal Licensure, plus these two requirements:

SRM 600 Introduction to Graduate Research (3)

Satisfactory performance on a concluding activity approved by division faculty, in accordance with Graduate School policy, must be demonstrated.

Educational Leadership Educational Specialist (Ed.S.)—30 semester hours beyond a previous master's degree

In this program you will develop in-depth understanding about leadership roles and responsibilities, working with external environments, policy development, organizational behavior, and contemporary educational issues.

Educational Leadership Courses—21 hours

See Leadership Core and Additional Requirements for Principal Licensure above, excluding ELPS 606

Research—3 hours

One of the following courses, determined by group consensus:

- SRM 602 Statistical Methods I (3)
- SRM 670 Evaluation: Models and Designs (3)
- SRM 680 Introduction to Qualitative Research (3)
- PSY 674 Measurement I: Educational Testing (3)

Field-Based Learning—6 hours

ELPS 606 Internship (6) Satisfactory performance on a concluding activity approved by division faculty, in accordance with Graduate School policy, must be demonstrated.

Eligibility

M.A. and/or Principal Licensure Programs

Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and a 3.0 grade point average or better (4.0 scale) to be eligible for regular admission.

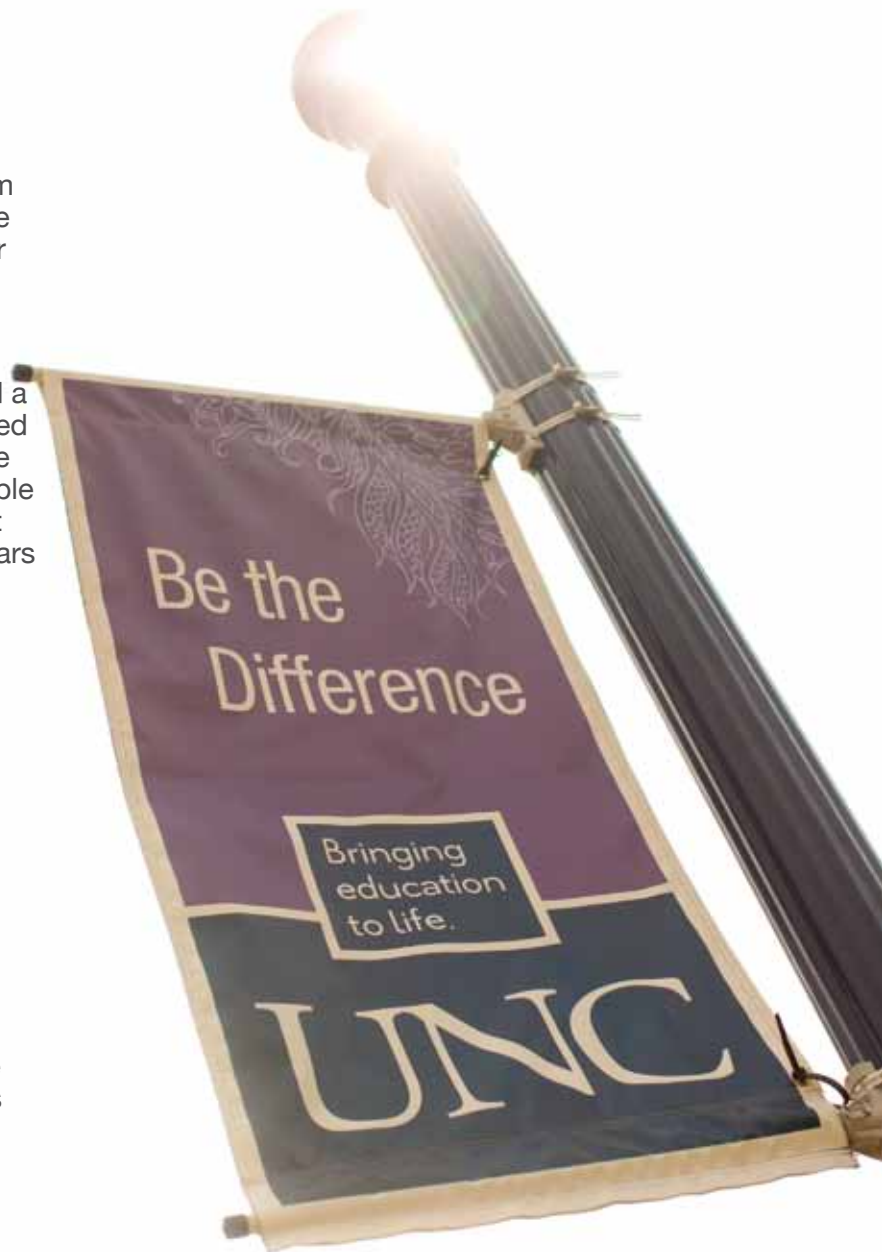
Ed.S./Principal Licensure Program

Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree and a master's degree in a related field from an accredited college or university and a 3.0 grade point average or better (4.0 scale) on the prior degree to be eligible for regular admission. In addition, applicants must have adequate academic background and two years of experience related to educational leadership.

How to Apply

- Step 1:** Contact the Educational Leadership program coordinator for any questions.
- Step 2:** Submit a UNC Graduate School application form including two copies of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, and a processing fee.
- Step 3:** Submit the Educational Leadership Application Packet (available at www.unco.edu/cebs/elps) directly to the Educational Leadership & Policy Studies Office. The required items include:
- Current resume
 - Goals statement
 - Essay regarding an educational issue
 - Applicant background information sheet
 - Professional assessment forms (two, including one from the applicant's current, immediate supervisor).

See the "Whom Do I Contact" section for how to complete these steps





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Quality Educational Leadership Programs

Educational Leadership faculty are committed to the development of broadly-based, competent professionals who are skilled, insightful and innovative leaders at the building and district levels. Faculty view potential program candidates as unique, with strengths and assets to be identified, encouraged, and developed during graduate education.

This program is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, approved for licensure by the Colorado State Board of Education and authorized by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. Degrees and programs offered through extended studies carry the same quality and academic recognition as those earned on-campus.



Whom Do I Contact?

Educational Leadership Programs—Questions, Advisement and Getting Started

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

501 20th St, Campus Box 103
Greeley, CO 80639
elps@unco.edu or 970-351-2861
www.unco.edu/cebs/elps

Graduate School

501 20th St, Campus Box 135
Greeley, CO 80639
grad.school@unco.edu or 970-351-2831
www.unco.edu/grad

Office of Extended Studies

Questions: esinfo@unco.edu
970-351-2944 | 303-637-4320 | 800-232-1749
501 20th St, Campus Box 21
Greeley, CO 80639
www.unco.edu/extendedstudies

Office of Financial Aid

Campus Box 33
Greeley, CO 80639
(Identify yourself as an off-campus student)
carlos.barrientos@unco.edu or 970-351-2502
www.unco.edu/ofa

This program is offered as part of the statewide coordinated program of off-campus instruction authorized by and in compliance with policies of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

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