



MASTER OF SCIENCE  
**EDUCATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP**

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**FORT WAYNE**

**Office of  
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the director of the educational leadership program at Purdue University Fort Wayne, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you.

Being an experienced faculty team with broad P-12 leadership backgrounds, we are committed to high quality leadership programming for the advancement of effective school leadership. Our accelerated and flexible blended online courses are responsive to the scheduling needs of working educational professionals. Small cohorts are designed to personalize student learning for teachers wishing to pursue their principal licensure in Indiana.

Please contact me with any questions you may have about our program.



**Wylie Sirk, Ph.D**

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and Educational Leadership  
Graduate Program Director  
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# BENEFITS

## DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND

The Master of Science in Education with a major in Educational Leadership is an accelerated program with course offerings online and in hybrid format. Courses during the fall and spring semesters are eight weeks long, while summer courses are six weeks.

Students in this program benefit from the following:

- Accelerated format allows students to complete the program in 16 months
- Flexible curriculum and course offerings (online)
- Multiple collaborative field experiences with mentors
- Small cohorts designed to personalize student learning

“The Ed Leadership program used effective tools to help me really understand the context I would be in when I graduated. It was challenging and rigorous, which is exactly what I was looking for. The reflection on practice that was modeled in the program helps me to be the best leader I can be. The professional doors flew open once I finished.”

**Ingrid Laidroo-Martin**

“The Educational Leadership program at Purdue Fort Wayne was instrumental in growing me as an educational leader. Not only did it help grow my leadership skills, it afforded me the opportunity to reflect on my vision of leadership and who I am as a leader. It also provided focus for my next steps in my career in education and opportunities to begin making changes in the lives of the students I was already teaching.”

**Justin Rentschler**

## LEARN FROM DEDICATED, EXPERT FACULTY

Our faculty, comprised of experienced school administrators, provide a welcoming, rigorous, and relevant curriculum. In addition to their dedication as teaching faculty, they possess strong research and publication profiles, and regularly serve the P-12 school community through active membership in a variety of professional service organizations.

Research areas include:

- Courage in Leadership
- Dispositions of Leadership
- Disposition of Care
- School Reform
- Developing and Supporting Highly-Effective Principals
- Fair and Meaningful Grading Practices
- School Cultures that Prioritize Collaboration and Adult Learning

## THE PURDUE FORT WAYNE DIFFERENCE

Stand out with a graduate degree that enhances your qualifications through:

- Small class sizes
- Personal attention from dedicated faculty
- Course offerings designed for working adults
- Nationally recognized program at a fraction of the cost

# COURSES

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (30 CREDIT HOURS)

The program features eight-week fall and spring courses, and four six-week courses in the summer, with offerings both fully online and hybrid.

### FIRST FALL SEMESTER (EIGHT WEEK COURSES)

EDU 50001 Introduction to Educational Leadership  
EDU 62400 The Principalship K-12

### SPRING SEMESTER (EIGHT WEEK COURSES)

EDU 51000 School and Community Relations  
EDU 51500 Teacher Development and Evaluation

### SUMMER I (SIX WEEK COURSES)

EDU 50002 Instruction in the Context of Curriculum  
EDU 62000\* Workshop on Selected Problems  
in Educational Leadership

### SUMMER II (SIX WEEK COURSES)

EDU 63800 Public School Personnel Management  
EDU 63000 Economic Dimensions of Education

### FINAL FALL SEMESTER (EIGHT WEEK COURSES)

EDU 60800 Legal Perspectives on Education  
EDU 69500\* Practicum in Educational Leadership

**Gain the skills and tools to pursue a rewarding career in education. Graduates of our program are qualified for the following career paths:**

- Assistant Principal
- Principal
- District Administrator
- Instructional Coach
- Dean of Students or Faculty
- Curriculum Coordinator
- Professional Development Coordinator

#### \* M.S.Ed. Non-Licensure Option:

Candidates not seeking the traditional Masters tract to obtain a building-level license and still seek a Master of Science in Educational Leadership (M.S.Ed.), may choose the non-licensure pathway. Candidates not seeking a building-level license may substitute EDU 50301 for EDU 62000 to meet the program's research requirement. Additionally, candidates may substitute a graduate education elective course, approved by the program director, for EDU 69500.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE

Completion of state approved Building Level Administrator Preparation Program (including Purdue Fort Wayne)

- Pass the Indiana License Exam for building-level school administration
- Provide a letter from your superintendent/designee stating that you have minimally two years of full-time teaching experience under a valid license
- Proof of CPR/Heimlich/AED certification
- Proof of suicide prevention training
- Exit Interview with Educational Leadership faculty for recommendation of the license

"The Educational Leadership program gave me the opportunity to understand authentic experiences that occur in the world of the principal. After almost ten years in administration, I often continue to reflect on my experiences while being a cohort student through the Educational Leadership program."

**Brandon White**



# APPLICATION DEADLINES

JUN  
30

U.S. Citizen: fall admission

NOV  
15

U.S. Citizen: spring admission

## STEPS TO APPLY

- **Application:** To begin your application create an account through the portal at [pfw.edu/grad-apply](http://pfw.edu/grad-apply). Applicants can make and save changes before submitting by logging in with the username and password used to create the account.
- **Application Fee:** The Graduate School application fee is \$60 (U.S. dollars) for domestic applicants and \$75 (U.S. dollars) for international applicants. Your application will not be processed until your nonrefundable application fee has been paid.
- **Transcripts:** Through the application portal, you must upload transcript(s) and/or academic document(s) for every institution of higher education you attended regardless of whether or not a degree was received. If a degree was received then it must be printed on the transcripts. If no degree conferral is printed on the transcripts then a copy of the original diploma (degree certificate) is needed. If the documents are not in English, you must upload an English translation certified by the college or university that issued it. All candidates must hold a four-year undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline from a recognized institution.
- **Statement of Purpose (Essay):** The statement of purpose should be 300-500 words concerning your purpose for undertaking or continuing graduate study, your reasons for wanting to study at Purdue, and your research interests, professional plans, and career goals. You also may explain any special circumstances applicable to your background and elaborate on your scholarly publications, awards, achievements, abilities, and/or professional history.
- **Recommendations:** Submit names of two individuals who are qualified to evaluate your academic or on-the-job performance who can attest to your ability to pursue a graduate degree. In the online application to the Purdue Graduate School, once you click "Send to Recommender," each individual will receive an email with instructions on submitting their recommendation online. Once submitted, the graduate program to which you applied will have access to view your recommendation.
- **Resume:** You must submit an updated copy of your resume with your application materials.

## OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

You must provide official transcripts and/or academic records at the request of the graduate program or if you are admitted and choose to enroll. An official transcript bears the original signature of the registrar and/or the original seal of the issuing institution. An unofficial transcript printed from your current/previous institution(s) student system is not an acceptable document. Official documents should be submitted to:

**Purdue University Fort Wayne**  
Office of Graduate Studies  
Doermer School of Business Room 304  
2101 E. Coliseum Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805-1499, USA  
[graduate@pfw.edu](mailto:graduate@pfw.edu)

Domestic transcripts must be sent directly from a Registrar's office to the Office of Graduate Admissions via mail or email.  
If you mail them yourself, it must be in an envelope sealed by the registrar

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