

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, M.S.A.

The Master of School Administration (MSA) meets state standards for North Carolina Level I administrator licensure (school principal). The degree requires 42 semester hours. Students engage the content of leadership preparation through graduate classroom engagement and assignments, observing schools and school leaders in their practice, and performing tasks under the supervision of a school-based and university mentor during the internship.

Courses are offered in the evenings during the Fall and Spring terms and at various times in the Summer term. Courses are offered off campus or in blended, online formats. Most students are enrolled part-time.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

In addition to the application materials required by The Graduate School, applicants must submit a resume or curriculum vitae and a personal statement (see departmental website for topic and details). Qualified applicants will have at least 3 years of teaching or other professional educational experience (not limited to public schools).

Application Deadline: March 30th

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 42 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		24
ELC 616	Culturally Responsive Leadership	
ELC 660	The School Principalship	
ELC 670	Leadership for Teaching and Learning	
ELC 673	Principal Leadership for Special Education	
ELC 675	Schools as Centers of Inquiry	
ELC 683	Engaging the Public in Education	
ELC 684	Teacher Rights, Recruitment, Retention, and Evaluation	
ELC 694	Cultural and Political Dimensions of Schooling	
Electives		6
Select two electives with advisors *		
Required Field Experiences		12
ELC 690	Practicum in Educational Administration **	

* Students will work with their advisors to choose two electives (6) – either in the Department or outside it – that match the student's interests and provide both content and activities that are necessary to complete the student's preparation. Advisors will encourage students to choose electives that create interdisciplinary and interprofessional connections in the student's preparation.

** Students are required to complete an internship experience that is the equivalent of one year of full-time administrative field experience.

Capstone Experience

To be eligible to receive North Carolina state licensure as a principal, students must submit a Licensure Portfolio to the department for review.

The portfolio will include material drawn from the student's coursework and internship and provide documentary evidence of meeting state leadership standards. ELC faculty members will review the student's portfolio for approval.

Program and Course Delivery

We offer students a coordinated blend of online and hybrid online/face-to-face courses. Our approach to program and course delivery is academically rigorous at the same time it is mindful of students' professional obligations and personal lives.