Master of Education in Educational Leadership with Principal Certification
Online Graduate Program

About the Program
The Master of Education in Educational Leadership with Principal Certification is nationally accredited through the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The program has over a 90% pass rate on the TExES and maintains a rigorous curriculum taught completely by highly qualified professors with successful leadership experience. It has also earned national recognition as a Recognized Program through the NCATE process.

A scholar-practitioner approach incorporates theory and practice-based learning that focuses on research-based leadership practices, curriculum and instructional leadership, data-driven decision-making, special programs, law, and school and community leadership. Field experiences and/or internship hours are included in all coursework. The university and department are committed to providing courses that are aligned to national and state standards, provide appropriate feedback for learning and growing, and are supportive of all students.

Dates & Registration
Students who wish to register for the Fall semester must submit their application by mid-August. The application deadline for the Spring semester is mid-December. The Summer I and II deadlines are mid-May and mid-June, respectively. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all application materials are thoroughly completed and received by Stephen F. Austin State University and the Department of Secondary Education and Educational Leadership.

Costs & Financial Aid
All in-state residents in the 30-hour M.Ed. or 18-hour Principal Preparation Program will automatically receive financial aid that will reduce the cost of the program to approximately $7,360* for master’s and approximately $4,456* for certification only. This aid applies only to Texas residents.

Tuition for out-of-state residents in the 30-hour and 18-hour Principal Preparation Program can be

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computed on the [SFA Tuition Calculator](#).

Additional financial aid is available to those who qualify. For more information, please contact the SFA Financial Aid Office at (936) 468-2403. The priority FAFSA deadline is February 1. The Financial Aid Office typically begins mailing award letters by late February to students who have met the February 1 deadline.

*These costs do not include books.

**Admission Requirements & Process**

Applicants should already possess:

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university
- Teaching certification
- Overall grade-point average of 2.75 or a GPA of 2.75 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work, each on a 4.0 scale
- Two years of teaching experience
- Texas residency.

Please note: If an applicant possesses the above requirements and a master’s degree in a related field from an accredited college or university, then he or she has the opportunity to complete the 18-hour principal certification only.

**How to Apply**

1. Apply to the Stephen F. Austin State University Graduate School via [ApplyTexas.org](#). (The application fee is $50. Former SFA students are also required to pay the $50 application fee.)
2. Go to the Principal Preparation Program Packet, complete the application, and return it to the application to the Department of Secondary Education and Educational Leadership.
3. Send official transcripts of all college/university credits to the Stephen F. Austin State University Graduate School.
4. Submit a professional profile to the Department of Secondary Education and Educational Leadership (see page 7 of the Principal Preparation Program Packet).
5. Submit a copy of your valid teaching certificate.
6. Submit a copy of your official teacher service record.

**Required Courses**

For information about the required courses and course sequence, please refer to the Principal Preparation Program Packet.