

Educational Leadership: School Building Leader | M.A.

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The demands of effective and responsive professional practice in education are increasingly complex. Educational leadership roles require a strong understanding of the conceptual, organizational, political, social, interpersonal, and technical dimensions of schools today. Our commitment is to provide a unique curriculum of study guided by multiple and multicultural perspectives that will prepare students for the challenges of contemporary educational practice.

What kinds of topics and/or practical experiences are covered in an Educational Leadership graduate program?

An advanced graduate study relevant to urban educational issues and leadership consists of an inquiry-based approach to professional learning, grounded in the contemporary context of educational practice, enabled by the habits of scholarship that are vital to stimulating intellectual growth and enhancing practical wisdom. Ongoing leadership experiences provide our students with opportunities to integrate the knowledge acquired through study and previous leadership and professional experience with guided practice supported by practitioner partners and faculty. Our courses integrate the everyday practice of schools and the best of research to make sense of and inform today's educational practice.

Why pursue an M.A. in Educational Leadership at NYU Steinhardt?

- Focus on diverse children and youth
 - Enhance your leadership skills by integrating research, policy, and practice
 - Develop an understanding of the challenges in urban educational practice via internships in New York City schools
 - Build your leadership portfolio through school-based fieldwork
 - Take advantage of summer and winter study abroad opportunities in Mexico, Brazil, and South Africa
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What kinds of students apply to the M.A. in Educational Leadership?

Students in the Educational Leadership program have taught or participated in activities in schools, the community, and/or other agencies in which they have demonstrated professional engagement, commitment to equitable practice, and effective leadership.

What can I do with an M.A. in Educational Leadership?

Graduates can become certified urban school principals or assume other leadership positions in education and policy at the school, district, state, and national levels.

Required Courses

- E65.2005 Professional Seminar in Educational Leadership
- E65.2080 Excellent School Seminar I-School Design
- E65.2085 Excellent School Seminar II-Teachers & Students
- E65.2305 Leadership for School Improvement
- E65.2342 Politics of Multicultural School Communities
- E65.2343 Decision Making and Leadership Development
- E95.2053 Organization Theory I

Electives

Electives may be selected from courses in the Educational Leadership Program or from courses in related areas such as teaching and learning, applied psychology, educational foundations, public policy, communications, etc.

Degree Requirements

36-credit program

- Core and elective course work
- Culminating internship

Admission Requirements

Evidence that the applicant meets these criteria includes but is not limited to:

- Transcripts that document completion of a BA/BS or MA/MS in education both of which show evidence of a solid academic performance
- Certificate in classroom teaching or pupil personnel service or the potential for instructional leadership based on prior school-based experiences
- A completed, dated, and signed graduate admission application form
- Statement of Purpose/Personal Statement in which the candidate discusses (1) their potential for leadership and understanding of the characteristics of effective leaders, including creating and defining a vision; collaborating; supporting and nurturing staff; and creating productive learning environments where all children learn and grow, and (2) their reasons for pursuing a master's degree at this time at NYU
- Resume that specifies professional experiences and service, including experience as a teacher, administrator, or pupil personnel service provider
- Official transcripts
- TOEFL scores for international applicants
- Application Fee

Does Steinhardt offer other Educational Leadership programs?

Yes. In addition to the Educational Leadership M.A., Steinhardt offers an advanced certificate program and a doctoral program:

- M.A. in Educational Leadership, Politics, and Advocacy
- Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership: School District Leader | C.A.S.
- Doctor of Education in Education Leadership | Ed.D.
- Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership | Ph.D.

How to Apply

Visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/application to access the application or contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at 212 998 5030.

The application deadline is February 1 for fall admission and November 1 for spring admission.

Further Information

Visit www.steinhardt.nyu.edu/nutrition, call 212 998 5580, or send an email to nutrition@nyu.edu.



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