Overview
The sequence of courses and the objectives of the School Leadership Program have been designed to develop exemplary school leaders and to foster their continued growth and effectiveness. Our program includes three internship experiences, thus providing a unique blend of theory and practice in preparation for positions of leadership. Students who successfully complete the course concentration in School Leadership will develop competencies in effective leadership, educational management practices, and staff development at the school level. Completion of the twelve-course program will result in the award of an M.A. degree in School Leadership. This concentration also leads to the new State of Illinois Principal Endorsement.

Credit hours required: 36

Program of Study
LEAD 424: Introduction to Evaluation of Certified and Support Staff
LEAD 421: Educational Leadership and Organizational Analysis
LEAD 429: Research Design and Analysis of Educational Data
LEAD 436: Human Resources Administration in Education
LEAD 401: Instructional Leadership
LEAD 422: The Principalship
LEAD 431: School and Community Relations
LEAD 432: School Finance and Budgeting
LEAD 433: School Law and Ethics
LEAD 434/435/437: Internship (three course sequence)

Attending Northeastern
• Classes are offered during the late afternoon and evening hours to accommodate professionals working full-time
• Students may attend either part-time or full-time
• Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees)
• Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are often available to help fund your graduate education. Contact us for further details.

Admissions
Candidates desiring admission to the Masters Degree in Educational Leadership begin by completing an application for and obtaining Northeastern Illinois University’s Student at Large (SAL) designated status. This status allows students to enroll in up to three courses without full admission to the Graduate School. Students admitted as a SAL then use the program’s first introductory course, LEAD 424 (Introduction to the Evaluation of Certified & Support Staff), to complete the Graduate Program application for admission* as the class professor provides time to assist students.

Admission Requirements:
• In-person interview.
• A Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university.
• Minimum 2.75 G.P.A. (on a 4.0 scale) from most recent degree.
• Valid and current Illinois professional educator license endorsed for teaching.
• Completion of two years of PK-12 full-time teaching on a teaching license.
• Passage of the Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency, Illinois Test of Basic Skills or passage of the ACT exam plus writing with a score of 22. The vast majority of candidates would have taken one of these exams for initial certification.
• Two letters of recommendation (completed by supervisors).
• Two NEIU Disposition Assessments (completed by supervisors).
• Successful completion of a written exam provided by the department.
• Completion of a successful teaching portfolio.
*Application completed during LEAD 424

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