2026-27 Academic Year

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Master of Science in Education (MSE)

Every school needs a leader, and we're here to help you fulfill that role. With an online master's degree in school administration from Wayne State College, you'll be prepared for a career in educational administration. Online graduate coursework prepares you for leadership roles such as principal, assistant principal, or director. Coursework focuses on administration and leadership, school law, finance and facilities, supervision and instruction, and school organization, with optional focus areas in athletic administration or special education supervision. You'll then solidify your skills through a practical internship arranged cooperatively with Wayne State College.

If you already hold a master's degree in education from an accredited institution, you may earn certification by completing an endorsement program that does not lead to an additional degree. Students without a prior master's degree will complete one of the MSE degree options in school administration. Those who have completed a PK-8 or 6-12 school administration degree, you may extend their endorsement to the PK-12 level by completing the appropriate endorsement option.

fast facts

No entrance exams required

Credit hours: 36-48

Cost per credit hour: $427.45 total *(includes $261.90 tuition + $165.55 fees)*

Degree offerings:

- Master of Science in Education in School Administration/Educational Leadership (PK-12)
- Master of Science in Education in School Administration/Educational Leadership (PK-6)
- Master of Science in Education in School Administration/Educational Leadership (6-12)

Delivery method: Online

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Instructional leadership and school improvement
- Curriculum development and evaluation
- Supervision and evaluation of instruction
- School law, policy, and ethics
- Finance, facilities, and resource management
- Special education administration and compliance
- School organization and community engagement

Possible Careers

- School principal
- Assistant principal
- District administrator
- Athletics or activities director
- Special education administrator
- School facilities administrator
- Instructional supervisor or program director
- Student support services administrator

Types of Employers

- Public school districts
- Private schools
- Educational service units (ESUs)
- State and local education agencies
- Special education and student support organizations
- Alternative education programs
- Postsecondary or technical education institutions
- Education-focused non-profits

recognized for excellence

Wayne State College's School Administration master's degree is offered fully online as part of its nationally recognized graduate programs, combining affordability, flexibility, and leadership-focused curriculum for educational administrators.

Best College for School Administration
Wayne State was recognized by College Factual as having the best master's degree in School Administration in Nebraska and No. 6 overall in the U.S. based on program quality, graduate success, low student debt, and other factors.

Accredited by CAEP
WSC's educator preparation programs are nationally accredited by CAEP, providing assurance that our programs meet rigorous standards of excellence.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

School Administration core courses (9 credit hours)

- EDU 603 Introduction to Educational Research and Design (3)
- EDU 621 Education Program Orientation (0)
- EDU 658 Fundamentals of Curriculum Development PK-16 (3)
- SPD 611 Organization and Administration of Special Education (3)

Endorsement-specific content requirements (21-27 credit hours)

PK-12 endorsement

- EDU 610 Elementary School Administration PK–8 (3)
- EDU 611 Secondary School Administration 6–12 (3)
- EDU 645 The Principal as an Instructional Leader (3)
- EDU 655 School Law: Constitutional Aspects and Cases (3)
- EDU 657 School Organization and Community Relations (3)
- EDU 659 Finance/Facilities (3)
- EDU 666 Supervision of Instruction (Elementary–Secondary) (3)
- EDU 689 Internship in Administration PK–8 (3)
- EDU 690 Internship in Administration 6–12 (3)

Internship requirement: 400 hours

PK-8 endorsement

- EDU 610 Elementary School Administration PK–8 (3)
- EDU 645 The Principal as an Instructional Leader (3)
- EDU 655 School Law: Constitutional Aspects and Cases (3)
- EDU 657 School Organization and Community Relations (3)
- EDU 659 Finance/Facilities (3)
- EDU 666 Supervision of Instruction (Elementary–Secondary) (3)
- EDU 689 Internship in Administration PK–8 (3)

Internship requirement: 250 hours

6-12 endorsement

- EDU 611 Secondary School Administration 6–12 (3)
- EDU 645 The Principal as an Instructional Leader (3)
- EDU 655 School Law: Constitutional Aspects and Cases (3)
- EDU 657 School Organization and Community Relations (3)
- EDU 659 Finance/Facilities (3)
- EDU 666 Supervision of Instruction (Elementary–Secondary) (3)
- EDU 690 Internship in Administration 6–12 (3)

Internship requirement: 250 hours

Electives or focus area (6-12 hours)

Athletic Administration focus area (12 credit hours)

Students wishing to complete a Focus Area in Athletic Administration will select 12 hours from the following courses by advisement. Students may use the hours in this focus as substitution for the Core electives in any of the School Administration/Educational Leadership programs of study. This focus does not lead to any additional administrative endorsements in Nebraska.

- PED 610 Legal Aspects of Sport (3)
- PED 612 Advanced Sport Marketing and Promotion (3)
- PED 631 Seminar in Sport Management (3)
- PED 653 Organizational Leadership in Sport (3)
- PED 664 Sport Event and Facility Management (3)
- PED 685 Social Issues in Sport (3)

Special Education Supervision focus area (9 credit hours)

Students wishing to complete a focus in Special Education Supervision will take the following 9 hours. Students applying for admission to a program of study for a Special Education Supervisor endorsement in Nebraska must currently have or be eligible to hold a teaching certificate with an endorsement in Special Education.

- SPD 636 Social/Emotional Behavior (3)
- SPD 652 Collaboration and Co-Teaching (3)
- SPD 690 Internship in Special Education Supervision PK-12 (3)

Electives (6 credit hours)

Choose 6 hours from the following courses. If candidate is only secondary prepared, they must complete EDU 604 Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School.

- EDU 604 Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School (3)
- EDU 626 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)
- EDU 627 Current Issues and Trends in Education (3)
- EDU 674 History and Philosophy of Education (3)
- EDU 682 Developing and Integrating Technology in the Classroom (3)

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