

Education Sciences

Principal Licensure and Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Education and Human Resource Studies – Education Sciences Specialization



Overview

Prepare for a leadership position in education with our Master of Education and principal licensure program. Through your coursework, you will:

- Develop the leadership skills needed to direct educational programs.
- Become a facilitator of educational change.
- Implement new approaches to solve the problems confronting education.

The principal preparation program strives to meet the growing needs of public and private schools for highly qualified leaders, including those in high-demand areas such as science, technology, engineering, and math.

- Obtain a stronger understanding of pedagogical skills and effective theories of learning.
- Advance your own education while remaining employed full-time.
- Gain knowledge that can be applied immediately to your career.

What you learn

To prepare students to take on leadership positions throughout school districts, expert faculty provide academic preparation and hands-on experience. CSU's Master of Education and principal licensure curriculum covers topics such as:

- School resource management
- Climate and culture
- Leadership and ethics
- Curriculum development
- School law
- Supervision evaluation

Students also complete a 300-hour internship that allows you to apply theories and research to real-world scenarios. During this time, you will build a portfolio that illustrates your strength as a candidate to future employers. Faculty work with you to ensure your portfolio reflects Colorado's principal quality standards. This internship placement can occur at your school district of employment.

Study online and in-person in a hybrid program

Designed for busy professionals, this program allows you to complete most coursework online*. Students meet in person to attend a three-week summer course in northern Colorado, and come back to class one more time for a weekend-long capstone course before graduating.

Delivery

Classroom in northern Colorado and online

Credits

24 credits for the principal licensure
33 credits for the M.Ed. and principal licensure

Tuition

\$645 per credit

- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame

Can be completed in 1 year

Completion requirements

- Principal licensure only — 24 credits
- Master's degree and principal licensure — 33 credits

More info

online.colostate.edu/degrees/education-sciences-principal

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How to Apply

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Before applying to the Education Sciences, Principal Licensure specialization, you must contact [Wendy Fothergill](#) well in advance of the application deadline to understand all requirements.

There are two enrollment options:

1. If you are seeking a *master's degree plus principal license*, application instructions are below.
2. If you are seeking a non-degree principal license, for students who have previously obtained a master's degree, get information here: online.colostate.edu/degrees/education-sciences-principal/admission_licensure.dot

Application Deadline

Summer Semester: **May 15**

1 Review Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution
- Demonstrated leadership potential
- Valid teaching license
- At least three years of teaching experience
- Minimum 3.00 GPA

Applicants whose GPA is lower than 3.00 must demonstrate their potential for academic success by providing additional evidence such as: additional recommendation letters showing strong potential for graduate studies; completion of six credits of graduate level coursework; or GRE scores.

2 Prepare Application Materials

Prepare the materials below and upload when you apply online.

- **Three letters of recommendation**

References should speak to your current or potential abilities as a teacher, plus your potential success in graduate studies. You will provide information about your recommenders in the online application. CSU will contact them with instructions and a link to a secure form they will submit on your behalf.

- **Statement of support from District Supervisor**

A statement of support from your District Supervisor is required. This is separate from a letter of recommendation. This is a brief, 1-2 sentence statement indicating their willingness to support you in obtaining experiences necessary to complete the internship component of the principal licensure program.

- **Resume or vita**

- **Statement of purpose**

The Statement of Purpose is a summary of long-term professional or personal goals and is required for all applicants. Your statement should be written in 12-point font, double-spaced, and include the following:

- » Your purpose for pursuing graduate education and how it will contribute to your long-term goals and career plans
- » Why you have selected Colorado State University and the School of Education as the place to pursue your graduate studies
- » A description of teaching, research/creative, or other academic work you have engaged in relevant to the qualifications

- **Teaching certificate**

Include one copy of a valid teaching certificate.

3 Complete Online Application

Begin by filling out the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.

- Select “Education and Human Resource Studies / Education Sciences (M.Ed.) - Distance” when choosing the program of study.
 - » Then select “Principal Licensure” program option

4 Request Transcripts

Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Application reviews will begin after February 1. Admit decisions will be made approximately 3-6 weeks after application completion.

International Students

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.