



Master of School Administration (MSA) Regional Hybrid & Online Cohorts

The Master of School Administration degree (MSA) is designed to prepare you to become a school leader. Program studies include a significant service leadership component. ECU faculty deliver MSA course content in an instructional environment that encourages and supports you to serve as a problem-solver, communicator, innovator, collaborator, and change agent in your school and school district. It is vital that you have a supportive school and district setting where you can complete these service leadership experiences.

The MSA program consists of **42 semester hours** (s.h.), including 27 s.h. of coursework and 15 s.h. of a year-long internship as follows:

Core: 27 s.h. - LEED 6901, 6902, 6903, 6904, 6905, 6906, 6907, 6908, 6909

Internship: 15 s.h. - LEED 6921, 6922, 6924, 6925.

At the end of the final semester, students will have completed seven service leadership projects (SLPs) and provided the written documentation of these projects via a webfolio. Following the successful completion of the degree requirements, including SLPs, students will receive the North Carolina principal license (012, class P). No Praxis is required to earn the principal license when the MSA program requirements are met. Students are also eligible to take the Praxis for Educational Leadership exam to add the North Carolina curriculum instruction specialist level 1 license (113, class S).

Students pursue the MSA part-time and continue to teach/work full-time, while attending courses in the evenings once per week. Students can choose to participate in the regional hybrid option or the online option. The regional hybrid option requires face-to-face meetings at a regional location once per week. The online option requires students to meet online once per week in a virtual classroom setting.

Start of program: once per year – during the 2nd summer term (typically last week in June)

Length of time required: six continuous semesters (including summer terms)/2 years total

Delivery method: students select a hybrid model with coursework delivered face-to-face and online OR a completely online option

Location of face-to-face meetings: off campus partner locations (schools, community colleges, etc.), which vary each year based on the location of most of the students – past cohorts have been in Craven, Johnston, Onslow, Wake, and Wayne counties.

Number of students admitted: the Educational Leadership department typically admits 3 cohorts per year with an estimated total of 45 students

Tuition: approximately \$12,180 (in-state residents). Courses are classified as Distance Education at approximately \$290 per credit hour (about 1/3 the cost of on-campus courses). Courses are typically 3 semester hours, which equates to approximately \$870 per course.

Schedule: students take 2 courses per semester in the evenings, typically 5:30-8:30pm.

Online option details: For students who are not within driving distance of a cohort location – the online cohort still meets one day per week virtually and possibly once per month in the fall and spring in a face-to-face setting during the 2nd year of the program.

Tuition and Fees

Graduate Student Rate Per Semester Hour – Off Campus (Distance Education)

NC Resident: \$ 289.11

Tuition and fees are subject to change based on legislative and university action. Out-of-State residents should refer to the ECU Cashier website for more details and out-of-state rates.

Projected MSA Program of Study (42 s.h.)

Semester	Summer 2 Year 1	Fall Year 1	Spring Year 1	Summer 1 Year 2	Summer 2 Year 2	Fall Year 2	Spring Year 2
Course(s)	LEED 6901 (3)	LEED 6902 (3) LEED 6903 (3)	LEED 6904 (3) LEED 6905 (3)	LEED 6906 (3) LEED 6921 (3)	LEED 6907 (3) LEED 6922 (3)	LEED 6908 (3) LEED 6924 (4)	LEED 6909 (3) LEED 6925 (5)

***Bolded courses** include a Service Leadership Project (SLP) required for licensure.*

MSA Course Descriptions

LEED 6901. Introduction to School Leadership. Assessment of leadership skills and behaviors.

LEED 6902. Strategic Leadership for 21st Century Schools. Leadership theory and strategic planning models.

LEED 6903. Micro-Political Leadership and Decision-Making within a Legal Context. Effective decision-making within the context of school organizations and legal contexts.

LEED 6904. External Development Leadership for Cultivating Partnerships. School community partnerships and effective communication skills with internal and external stakeholders.

LEED 6905. Managerial Leadership for Complex School Operations. Resource maximization by establishing processes and systems that lead to school improvement and student success.

LEED 6906. Human Resource Leadership for Professional Growth. Effective recruitment, placement, induction, mentoring, evaluation, development, and empowerment of teachers and staff.

LEED 6907. Leadership Skill Development. Simulations for leadership development.

LEED 6908. Instructional Leadership for Teaching and Learning. Integrating purposeful and proactive organization, sequencing, and management of teacher and student interactions.

LEED 6909. Cultural Leadership for Systemic School Improvement. School improvement by promotion of a school culture of collaboration, diversity, safety, ethical values, and high expectations.

LEED 6921. Internship in Management. Development and refinement of K-12 management skills.

LEED 6922. Internship in Leadership. Development and refinement of K-12 leadership skills.

LEED 6924. Internship in Management and Leadership. Development and refinement of K-12 leadership and management skills.

LEED 6925. Internship in Management, Leadership, and Supervision. Development and refinement of K-12 leadership, management, and supervisory skills.

MSA Application & Admission Information

All application materials must be submitted through the ECU Graduate School online application process. The application will be available in late summer at <https://gradschool.ecu.edu/apply>.

Application deadline: March 15

MSA Application Requirements:

- **Online application** -- Complete the online application for School Administration (MSAM) Summer II found on the Graduate School application website.
- **Application fee** – Submit the non-refundable \$75 application fee using the directions on the application or in the confirmation email you receive after submitting the online application.
- **Transcripts** – You are required to submit official transcripts from all institutions attended within the last 5 years and anywhere you earned a degree. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted. All documents must be submitted directly to ECU from your institution.

Electronic transcripts from your institution can be sent to the Graduate School via the following email address: gradschool@ecu.edu or mailing address:

ECU Graduate School
Ragsdale 131, Mail Stop 570
Greenville, NC 27858.

- **Statement of Purpose** – The statement of purpose should express the reasons you want to be considered for admission and how the MSA will assist you in realizing your professional goals and aspirations. (Do not exceed 500 words.)
- **Current Resume** -- Upload your current resume highlighting teacher leadership experiences.
- **Written Scenarios** – Upload your responses to the written scenarios found on the [MSA website](#).
- **Letter of Support Form** – Upload a scanned copy of the Letter of Support form found at the following link: [MSA Letter of Support](#).

- **Three References** – As indicated in the online application, submit the names and email addresses of 3 professional references. One of the references must be from your current principal or immediate supervisor. These letters are in addition to the Letter of Support described above.
- **NC Professional Educator License** – Upload a scanned copy of current SP2 North Carolina teaching license. Candidates for the MSA program must have an SP2 license and a minimum of three years of successful classroom teaching experience.
- **Personal Interview** – Following initial review of your completed application and required documents, you may be contacted to set up a personal interview. The interviews are conducted virtually via WebEx or Microsoft Teams.

Additional MSA Program and Application Information:

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<https://education.ecu.edu/LEED/MSA>