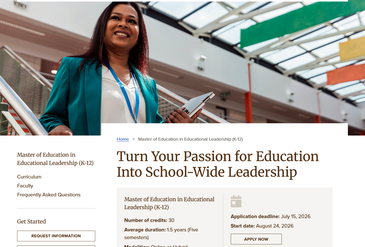

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Number of credits: 30
Average duration: 1.5 years (Five semesters)
Modalities: Online or Hybrid

Application deadline: July 15, 2026
Start date: August 24, 2026

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Lead With Confidence, Learn In Community

Lehigh University's Master of Education in Educational Leadership (K-12) degree gives you the space and support to develop your leadership skills alongside a cohort of educators who know what it means to lead with pragmatism and purpose.

Join us on campus for a hybrid experience or connect through fully online classes paired with live sessions.

In this master's in educational leadership program, you will:

- Develop skills in organizational leadership, data-based decision making and building inclusive learning environments
- Create policies and foster learning environments where students and educators thrive
- Engage with research that informs real-world practice in schools
- Turn your years of working with students into the foundation for school-wide leadership
- Have the option to add Pennsylvania Principal Certification to your coursework

The Education Master's That Respects Your Reality

The M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (K-12) is designed to fit with your other responsibilities, such as full-time work and care-giving. If you want dedicated time on campus to connect with peers and focus on your growth as a leader, our hybrid option gives you that space.

Join a Community of Educators That *Get It*

Top-supporting faculty bring both research expertise and real-world school leadership experience to the classroom. Your peers are educators from Pennsylvania and beyond who understand the reality of showing up for students, family, staff and yourself.

These are the people who share in your challenges and successes and wholeheartedly support your growth as a leader.

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To learn more about the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (K-12) at Lehigh University College of Education and download a brochure, please fill out the form. You can also talk one-on-one with an enrollment specialist directly by calling (610) 215-2867 or emailing us at edprograms@lehigh.edu.

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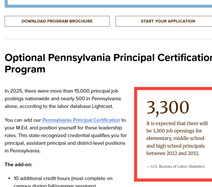

Why Choose Lehigh's Educational Leadership Program

- **Complete your master's degree while working full time:** Finish in as little as 1.5 years with a schedule built for educators
- **Learn how to lead effective schools from outstanding instructors:** Educational leaders and researchers translate the latest research into practical strategies you can apply in your school.
- **Build skills that transfer across education settings:** Whether you want to lead a school, work at the district level, shape education policy or bring curriculum expertise to the private sector
- **Flexibility to fit your life:** Choose hybrid or fully online for your modality, and complete courses at a part-time or full-time pace
- **Discount for PA educators:** We offer a 15% Pennsylvania Educator Tuition Incentive.

25% more affordable

Lehigh's M.Ed. in Educational Leadership is a best-value investment: You'll pay just $19,800 in total tuition, which is 25% more affordable on average than comparable programs.

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START YOUR APPLICATION

Hybrid or Fully Online: It's Your Choice

Hybrid Option

FORMAT: Live online sessions, one evening per week in **fall and spring semesters** | Courses on Lehigh's Bethlehem, PA, campus during summer sessions

START DATES: Fall, spring and summer

BEST FOR: Pennsylvania educators who want dedicated time on campus to build their network, step away from daily routines and connect in person

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Online Option

FORMAT: Live online sessions, one evening per week

START DATES: Fall, spring, and summer

BEST FOR: Educators who need maximum flexibility but still want real-time interaction with faculty and peers

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"We want our students to be prepared to make a difference in the positions that they're going to step into. That's why we've invested in the quality of our program, our instruction and taking the time to get to know our students."

Brian Osborne, Professor of Practice and Program Director in the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership

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Optional Pennsylvania Principal Certification Program

In 2025, there were more than 15,000 principal job postings nationwide and nearly 500 in Pennsylvania alone, according to the labor database Lightcast.

You can add our Pennsylvania Principal Certification to your M.Ed. and position yourself for these leadership roles. This state-recognized credential qualifies you for principal, assistant principal and district-level positions in Pennsylvania.

The add-on:

- 10 additional credit hours (most complete on campus during fall/summer sessions)
- Two principalship courses with internships
- Meets PA Department of Education certification requirements

3,300

It is expected that there will be 3,300 job openings for elementary, middle school and high school principals between 2022 and 2032.

– U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Career Opportunities With a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership

Education needs talented, compassionate leaders at every level. Here are some of the roles that graduates can pursue.

- School principal or assistant principal
- School district administrator
- Education consultant
- Director of education
- Education policy analyst
- Nonprofit organization leadership
- Education entrepreneur
- Educational leadership coach
- Curriculum specialist

Find out more: "What Can You Do With a Master's in Educational Leadership Degree?"

The Pennsylvania Educator Tuition Incentive provides a
15% discount
on up to 18 credits per year. This reduces the tuition rate to **$561** per credit.

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the salary potential for M.Ed. in Educational Leadership graduates?
- Is a master's in educational leadership worth it?
- Can I work while I complete the program?
- If I am enrolled as an online student, may I enroll in the Principal Certification coursework?
- Can I transfer credits into this program?
- I'm currently an educator in Pennsylvania. Are any discounts available?

What's Next for You?

You're clearly thinking seriously about your next step in educational leadership. Here are a few ways to keep exploring:

- **Read about the possible career paths open to you**
- **Explore the courses you'll take**
- **Talk one-on-one with an enrollment specialist** — call (610) 215-2867 or email edprograms@lehigh.edu to schedule a call.

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