



## MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION – PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP

### Here, you lead the next generation to success.

Your experience as a P-12 educator has already prepared you to mold lives—take the next step by obtaining skills to transform the next generation. Governors State’s **Master of Arts in Educational Administration – Principal Leadership** prepares experienced teachers to step into administrative roles where knowledge, practice, and skills create real growth and impact in schools and the community.

In this program, you will obtain the deep understanding needed to lead public and non-public schools to success through preparation in organizational, community, and student-focused leadership. Graduates of the program will have a Principal as Instructional Leader State License and will have completed state-mandated PERA training for teacher evaluation.

#### Reach your career goals.

As a P-12 administrator, your impact is not limited to a single classroom—it can resonate throughout the entire community. In the Principal Leadership M.A., you will obtain the theoretical knowledge and practical skills you need to lead at the P-12 level. Graduates of the program may explore other career options in school administrative roles or go on to pursue superintendent licensure through GSU’s Interdisciplinary Doctorate Program.

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“When the Illinois Board of Education mandated that all principal preparation programs go through a major revision, GSU exceeded the requirements... and has been in a continuous cycle of assessment since, leading to better meeting the needs of our local students. I am proud to be a faculty member in a program that works diligently to prepare principals to provide instructional leadership for their students, faculty, and greater educational community.”

Dr. Sondra Estep  
Associate Professor



“Our Principal Leadership program will inspire educators who are ready for the challenge of learning leadership. Guided by professors who balance theoretical understanding with practical application, our candidates are prepared to lead schools for the next generation of students in Illinois.”

Dr. David Conrad  
Assistant Professor





## Why get a Master of Arts in Educational Administration – Principal Leadership?

School administrators are crucial for student success. Teachers who are inspired to become leaders of their fields will learn the skills needed as principal to advance a school's organization by establishing a successful curriculum, proficient instructors, and academically prepared students.

Data collected in 2018 reflected the national median salary for school principals to be **\$105,072** with an average range of \$92,803 – \$118,200 (salary.com). Chicago's median salary for principals is **\$111,925**.

### Delivery Format

Governors State's 36-credit hour Principal Leadership M.A. is offered in a cohort format fully on-campus and hybrid format OR off-site district partner sites. Some courses are delivered in an online format. The cohort model allows you to take two classes per term but in 7.5 week sessions to allow for no more than one class to be meeting at a time.

## How to Apply

Apply online:

[www.govst.edu/apply](http://www.govst.edu/apply)

### Admission Requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Good standing at last institution attended
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions (demonstrating a fulfillment of the above three items) submitted to the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment
- Currently teaching
- Professional Educator License (PEL) in Illinois
- A non-refundable \$50 application fee
- Most programs require supplemental application materials. View program-specific requirements at [www.govst.edu/graduate](http://www.govst.edu/graduate).

### Application Deadlines

Priority application deadline for the is May 15.



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