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Location: 3201 Alexander Hall

The Specialist in Education for Education Administration is designed for individuals pursuing district-level certification in pk-12 education. The EdS in Education Administration is a 21-hour program in addition to a 30-hour Master of Arts in Education Administration. Upon completion of the 30-hour Master in Education Administration, the student may reapply to the Education Specialist program and complete the remaining 21 hours. NOTE: Total program hours must equal or exceed 60 hours beyond the bachelor's degree. Additional advisor-approved elective(s) may be required.

Admission Requirements

- Earned Master of Arts in Education Administration
- Valid Kentucky Teaching Certificate
- Minimum five (5) years' experience

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The Master of Arts in Education Administration is designed for individuals seeking initial professional certification for Kentucky Instructional Leadership – School Principal (Level 1), and is required for admission to other Kentucky Professional Administrative Certificate programs. Coursework is aligned with the Interstate School Leader Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards, the Technology Standards for School Administrators (TSSA) and the Kentucky Dispositions, Dimensions and Functions for School Leaders (KDF). There are 250 hours of documented field experience required, which occur with a diversity of students in different contexts (elementary, secondary) and at different levels of engagement (observing, participating, leading).

Admission to the program is competitive, selective and collaborative. Pursuant to 16 KAR 3:050, Murray State University and partner school districts collaborate to co-select select candidates, co-design program experiences, and coordinate resources to support candidate field-experience (i.e., release time, access to data, mentoring). Applicants must be affiliated with a Partner School District through employment or through a Statement of Sponsorship, and must possess a master's degree, making this a 2<sup>nd</sup> master's degree.

earned master's degree from a regional accredited college or university;  
documented affiliation with a partner school district;  
minimum of three (3) years of teaching experience at time of application;  
valid GRE on file with Murray State University;  
valid Kentucky Teaching Certificate or an approved waiver of Kentucky certification.

This program is organized and delivered through a regional cohort model. Applicants should contact the Department of Educational Studies, Leadership & Counseling to obtain a schedule of cohorts, application cut-off dates and a Departmental Application. All application materials must be submitted by the advertised deadline for consideration for the cohort. These materials include

completed Departmental and University Graduate Applications  
current professional resume reflecting leadership experiences  
requested letters of reference and completed rating sheets  
valid GRE, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in Verbal and Quantitative as target scores  
requested essays

All application materials will be screened and interviews scheduled by a selection committee for each cohort. Following the interviews, applicants will be notified of the admission decision by the Department.

ADM 601 School Leadership and Culture

ADM 602 Socio-political Dimensions of School  
Leadership\*

ADM 611 School-wide Instructional Leadership\*

ADM 612 Development of School Personnel\*



There are four additional endorsements that may be obtained: a) Instructional Leadership – Supervisor of Instruction, b) Instructional Leadership – School Superintendent, c) Director of Pupil Personnel and d) Director of Special Education. All programs are aligned to the Interstate School Leader Licensure Standards and the Technology Standards for School Administrators. Applicants to these programs must have the following:

- earned master's degree in Education Administration or Kentucky administrative certificate
- three years of teaching experience at the time of application
- valid Kentucky Teaching Certificate
- additional requirements are listed with each certificate as appropriate

ADM 669 Seminar in School Administration  
ADM 749 School District Administration

In addition to the requirements listed for all Kentucky Administrator Professional Certificates, applicants for the Director of Special Education program must:

- qualify for a Kentucky teaching certificate or a school psychology certificate;
- provide evidence of three years' experience as a teacher or school psychologist, with at least one year as a teacher of exceptional children or school psychologist

SED 603 Special Education Law  
SED 650 Administration of Special Education  
Programs

ADM 749 School District Administration  
OR  
ADM 759 Strategic Planning in Education

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In addition to the requirements listed for all Kentucky Administrator Professional Certificates, applicants must:

- verify valid certification as a Kentucky school administrator
- demonstrate two (2) years of successful experience as a school administrator.

ADM 739 The School Superintendency  
ADM 749 School District Administration  
ADM 759 Strategic Planning in Education  
ADM 779 The Superintendency Practicum