

MS in Education, Leadership in Educational Administration

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Alabama	Principal	Alabama requires out-of-state applicants to obtain an out-of-state license and 3 years of full-time professional educational work experience in another state before applying to Alabama. Capella graduates are not eligible for an Alabama license without obtaining 3 years of experience as a principal or superintendent in another state first.
Alaska	Principal Administration endorsement or Administrator certificate	Alaska accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in school administration that meets CAEP standards from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have at least 3 years of experience as a teacher or special service provider. Alaska learners will need to complete 3 semester hours of approved Alaska studies coursework and 3 semester hours of Alaska multicultural coursework outside of Capella. This can be completed post-degree.
American Samoa	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in American Samoa. Learners who are interested in pursuing a American Samoa professional license should contact the relevant state board. American Samoa Department of Education, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799 (011) 684-633-5237 http://www.doe.as
Arizona	Principal Certificate	Arizona accepts completion of a master's degree with at least 45 quarter credits in educational administration for principals from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching experience. Capella's program is approved by Arizona for Principal certification preparation.
Arkansas	N/A	As of October 30, 2014, Capella is not accepting applications from Arkansas residents for Capella's MS in Educational with a specialization in Leadership and Education Administration.
California	Preliminary Administrative Services Credential	California accepts completion of an out of state-approved administration preparation program from a regionally accredited university for the Administrative Services Credential. Applicant must have at least 5 years of teaching or pupil personnel service experience. California learners will need to earn an Arizona principal license before applying to California through reciprocity.
Colorado	Principal (Building-level leadership endorsement)	Colorado accepts completion of a state-approved graduate program for the preparation of principals (school leader). Applicants for principal license must have at least three years of licensed teaching experience.

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Connecticut	Intermediate Administration or Supervision	Connecticut requires at least 27 quarter credits beyond a master's degree. Capella's MS in Leadership in Educational Administration alone will not meet Connecticut's licensure requirements.
Delaware	Principal	Delaware accepts completion of a CAEP accredited master's degree in educational leadership from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have at least 5 years of teaching experience.
District of Columbia	School Administrator	The District of Columbia accepts completion of a graduate degree from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have at least 2 years of teaching experience.
Florida	Principal	Contact the Florida Department of Education for information on how out-of-state approved principal or superintendent programs can fulfill their requirements.
Georgia	Building-Level Leadership Certification	Georgia requires completion of a Georgia Professional Standards Commission-approved program. Capella's MS in Leadership in Educational Administration will not meet Georgia's licensure requirements.
Guam	N/A	<p>Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Guam. Learners who are interested in pursuing a Guam professional license should contact the relevant state board.</p> <p>Guam Department of Education P.O. Box DE, Agana, Guam 96932 (671) 475-0461 http://www.gdoe.net</p>
Hawaii		<p>Hawaii has a unique system of selecting and preparing school administrators. Check with the Hawaii Department of Education for details.</p> <p>Capella's program will not meet Hawaii's school-level educational officer requirements.</p>
Idaho	Administrator Certificate, Principal Endorsement	<p>Idaho accepts completion of a master's degree in school administration for the preparation of school principals at a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 4 years of teaching experience.</p>

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Illinois	Principal	<p>Illinois accepts completion of a master's degree, or higher, in a state-approved administrator preparation program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Illinois requires specific coursework in three areas that are not included in Capella's program. Learners need to add these courses to meet licensing requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cross-categorical methods of the exceptional child: ED5707 - Instruction for Students with Disabilities (4 quarter credits) 2. Methods of reading and reading in the content area: (Choose one course): ED5551 - Developing Fluent Readers (3 quarter credits), ED5552 - Teaching Comprehension Strategies (3 quarter credits), ED5554 - Sociocultural Context of Reading Instruction (3 quarter credits) 3. ESL/bilingual methods: ED5728 - Methods, Curriculum, and Materials for English Language Learners (4 quarter credits) <p>Applicants must have four years of teaching experience</p>
Indiana	Building Level Administrator	<p>Indiana accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 2 years of teaching experience.</p>
Iowa	Principal	<p>Iowa accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in administrative preparation from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Iowa requires the fieldwork experience to include special education administration experience.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 3 years of licensed teaching experience.</p> <p>Iowa learners will need to earn an Arizona administrator license before applying in Iowa.</p>
Kansas	Building Leadership/Principal	<p>Kansas accepts a graduate degree in school leadership, with a GPA of 3.25.</p> <p>Kansas also requires out-of-state learners to obtain an out-of-state license. Kansas learners will need to earn an Arizona principal certificate before applying in Kansas.</p>
Kentucky	N/A	<p>As of July 7, 2014, Capella is not accepting applications from Kentucky residents for Capella's MS in Education with a specialization in Leadership and Education Administration.</p>
Louisiana	Educational Leader Certificate Level 1 (Principal)	<p>Louisiana accepts completion of a graduate degree in educational leadership from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Louisiana Type B or Level 2 teaching certificate.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching experience.</p>

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Maine	Building Administrator (Principal)	Maine accepts completion of a master's degree from a regionally accredited university, with specific coursework. Maine learners will need to complete coursework in Teaching Exceptional Students in the Regular Classroom and Federal and Maine Civil Rights Laws outside of Capella. This can be complete post-degree. Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching experience.
Maryland	Administrator I or II Certificate	Maryland accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree that leads to certification as a principal from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have at least 27 months of teaching experience.
Massachusetts	Principal (PK-5, 6-8 and 9-12)	Massachusetts accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree program in a state which has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement. Massachusetts requires a practicum of at least 500 hours. Massachusetts learners will need to add 250 hours to their clinical experience to meet Massachusetts's requirements. Massachusetts requires applicants to hold a MA Sheltered English Immersion Administrator or Teacher Endorsement. Applicants must have at least 3 years of experience in an executive management/leadership role.
Michigan	Elementary or Secondary Administrator (Principal)	Michigan accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in school administrator preparation from a regionally accredited university.
Minnesota	Principal	Minnesota requires a specialist, or a doctoral degree, or a program of at least 90 quarter credits beyond the bachelor's degree. Capella's MS in Leadership in Educational Administration will not meet Minnesota's licensure requirements.
Mississippi	Administrator	Mississippi accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in educational administration/leadership from a regionally accredited university. Mississippi requires applicants to hold a five year educator license. Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching experience.
Missouri	Principal	Missouri accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in educational leadership for the preparation of principals. Missouri recommends that out-of-state applicants first obtain the out-of-state license. Missouri learners should first obtain an Arizona principal certificate before applying in Missouri. Applicants must have at least 2 years of teaching experience.

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Montana	Administrator or Principal endorsement	<p>Montana accepts completion of a CAEP accredited and state-approved master's degree in educational leadership for principals.</p> <p>Montana learners must complete 3 semester credits of Montana school law including special education law. Montana learners will need to complete this course outside of Capella.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching experience in the area relevant for the specific principal endorsement sought.</p>
Nebraska	Standard Administrative Certificate with Principal Endorsement (PK-12)	<p>Nebraska accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in educational administration for the Administrative Standard Certificate.</p> <p>Applicants may obtain a Principal endorsement at 3 levels: PK-12, PK-8, or 7-12.</p> <p>Nebraska requires 54 quarter credits if the principal endorsement is at the same level as the applicant's teaching endorsement. If the applicant is seeking a principal endorsement at a different level, the applicant must complete an additional 13.5 quarter credits of coursework at the new level.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 2 years of teaching experience.</p> <p>Nebraska requires 36 or 45 graduate semester credits in order to qualify for an Administrative Professional Certificate. Capella's MS in Leadership in Educational Administrator will not meet Nebraska's Administrative Professional Certificate requirements.</p>
Nevada	Specialized Education Personnel K-12	<p>Nevada accepts completion of a master's degree and graduate coursework in the administration of a school from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a license to teach and have at least 3 years of teaching experience.</p>
New Hampshire	Principal Certification	<p>New Hampshire regulations indicate Capella's MS in Education, Leadership in Educational Administration program will not meet the state requirements for professional licensure.</p> <p>New Hampshire requires completion of a program approved in a university's home state. New Hampshire considers Minnesota to be Capella University's home state. Capella's program is not approved in Minnesota.</p>

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New Jersey	Principal	<p>New Jersey accepts completion of a state-approved and CAEP accredited master's degree in educational leadership from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>New Jersey learners will need to add an additional 50 hours to their supervised fieldwork to meet New Jersey's hours requirements.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 5 years of teaching experience.</p> <p><u>Note</u> Our program does not meet the Supervisor certificate requirements in New Jersey. Our MS LEA program does not include coursework on curriculum design and development, which New Jersey requires.</p>
New Mexico	Education Administration License	<p>New Mexico accepts completion of a master's degree for educational administrator preparation from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>New Mexico learners will need to earn an Arizona principal certificate before applying in New Mexico.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 6 years of teaching experience.</p>
New York	School Building Leader Certification	<p>New York requires an out-of-state educational leadership program to lead to an initial certificate in the state where the university is located.</p> <p>New York considers Capella University to be located in Minnesota.</p> <p>Capella's MS in Leadership in Educational Administration will not meet New York's licensure requirements.</p>
North Carolina		<p>North Carolina accepts completion of a CAEP-accredited master's degree from a regionally accredited university.</p>
North Dakota	Elementary/Secondary Principal	<p>North Dakota accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in educational administration in a state which is a member of the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.</p> <p>North Dakota learners seeking an elementary principal credential must complete their field experience in grades K-8. If seeking a secondary principal credential must complete their field experience in grades 5-12. If seeking a K-12 principal credential must complete two separate field experiences at the elementary and secondary levels.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching experience.</p>
Northern Mariana Islands	N/A	<p>Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Northern Mariana Islands.</p>
Ohio	Professional Principal License	<p>Ohio accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree for the preparation of principals.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least 2 years of teaching experience at the age/grade levels for which the principal license is sought.</p>

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Oklahoma	Principal	Oklahoma accepts completion of a state-approved program in education administration. Oklahoma learners will need to earn an Arizona administrator license before applying to Oklahoma via reciprocity. Applicants must have 2 years of teaching experience.
Oregon	Administrator	Oregon learners will need to earn an Arizona principal license before applying to Oregon through reciprocity. Applicants must have at least 3 years of licensed classroom teaching experience.
Pennsylvania	School Admin. - Principal PK-12	Pennsylvania accepts completion of a state-approved program that is equivalent to Pennsylvania's standards for Principal certification from a state that is a member of the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement. Pennsylvania learners must have a 3.0 GPA. Applicants must have at least 3 years of relevant professional experience in an education setting related to the instructional process.
Puerto Rico	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Puerto Rico.
Rhode Island	Building Level Administrator Certification	Rhode Island accepts completion of a master's degree from a state-approved administrative leadership preparation program. Rhode Island requires 300 hours of internship. Rhode Island learners will need to add 50 hours to their fieldwork to meet Rhode Island's hours requirement. Applicants must have at least 3 years of PK-12 professional education experience.
South Carolina	School Principal	South Carolina accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree for the training of principals. South Carolina learners must hold an educator's professional certificate. Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching experience, with at least 1 year in either PreK-6 or 7-12 grade levels where principal certification is sought.
South Dakota	Principal (K-12)	South Dakota accepts a master's degree in education for the preparation of principals from a regionally accredited university. South Dakota requires an internship that includes time spent in both the elementary and secondary levels. South Dakota requires an Indian studies course approved by the department. Capella learners will need to complete this course outside of Capella. Applicants must have 3 years of experience in an accredited K-12 school, 1 year of which includes classroom teaching experience or direct services to students.

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Tennessee	Instructional Leader	Tennessee accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in instructional leader preparation from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have at least 3 years of experience in education.
Texas	Principal	Texas learners will need to earn an Arizona principal license before applying to Texas through reciprocity. Applicants must have at least 2 years of teaching experience.
US Virgin Islands	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in US Virgin Islands.
Utah	Administrator Concentration (K-12)	Utah has recently changed licensure requirements for all educators. Contact the Utah Department of Education for information on how out-of-state approved principal or superintendent programs can fulfill new requirements.
Vermont	Principal Endorsement	Vermont accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree. Vermont requires 300 hours of internship. Vermont learners will need to add 50 hours to their fieldwork to meet Vermont's hours requirement. Applicants must have at least 3 years of PK-12 teaching experience.
Virginia	Endorsement in Administration and Supervision PreK-12	Virginia accepts completion of a master's degree in administration and supervision from a regionally accredited university. Virginia requires 320 hours of internship, which includes experience at multiple levels and sites. Virginia learners will need to add 70 hours to their fieldwork to meet Virginia's hours requirement, and will need to ensure their internship includes experience at multiple levels and sites. Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching experience.
Washington	Administrator or Principal	Washington accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree for the preparation of principals. Applicants must have at least 3 years of school-based experience in an instructional role with students. Washington does not require all out-of-state universities to have authorization to provide field placements for learners. Capella does not currently have such authorization. However, some schools or districts in Washington may only accept interns from authorized universities.
West Virginia	Initial Professional Administrative Certificate - Principal	West Virginia accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in educational leadership from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have at least 4 years of teaching experience.

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Wisconsin	Principal	Wisconsin accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree for the preparation of principals. Applicants must have at least 6 semesters of classroom teaching experience.
Wyoming	School Administrator Principal Endorsement	Wyoming accepts completion of a graduate degree in administrator preparation from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching or related service in a K-12 public school setting.