

FAQs

Next STEPS

Are there jobs available?

Yes, there are leadership positions available in BC districts, especially for those with advanced degrees focused on educational leadership. Add to this an extra need for new district leaders to fill positions of planned retirements, and the job market looks very positive.

Will I get hands-on experience?

Yes, practiced-based coursework and hands-on learning ensure immediate implementation both in your current professional role and in the administrative arena.

How is the program offered?

Courses include a blend of online and face-to-face meetings designed to meet the needs of busy educators.

What are the class sizes?

To insure optimal learning, class sizes are capped at 24 students.

Will I do a capstone project?

Yes, students choose an authentic capstone project/topic which is integrated into the research sequence of classes

How do I apply?

The application procedure is online. You will find a section on our website devoted to Canadian applicants: www.edu/EdAdmin.

How long does it take to complete the Master's in Educational Leadership Program?

The program is a cohort model that stretches over six university quarters. Each new cohort begins in January and ends in approximately 15 months. Please find a detailed course calendar on our website at www.edu/EdAdmin.

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"I have earned three post-graduate degrees from three different universities. Western Washington University stood apart from the others by consistently offering relevant and interesting courses and assignments which were practical in nature. Just as important, the instructors recognized my needs as an adult learner, wanted me to be successful, and were truly interested in me as a person. I am very proud to be a graduate of Western Washington University."

Dr. Angus MacKay, WWU 1992
Assistant Superintendent
Abbotsford School District

Master's in Educational Leadership for BC Educators

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BC School Leadership Program

In partnership with the Abbotsford School District, the Western Washington University (WWU) BC School Leadership Program prepares school leaders who are passionate about providing all students the skills necessary to reach their full potential.

This unique partnership between WWU and the Abbotsford School District is designed to develop future school leaders through engaging coursework taught by practicing BC school leaders and WWU faculty. Providing a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, this program features blended online and face-to-face course work designed to meet the needs of busy educators.

- Curriculum aligned to the Professional Educational Leaders Standards
- Practical, research-based course work relevant to emerging leadership challenges
- School-based assignments
- Field-based programs including experiential learning
- Advising tailored to each student's needs
- Career search preparation
- Strong support



The educational leadership program at Western Washington University (WWU) was an amazing experience that equipped me with essential leadership skills necessary to become an administrator in my school district. The well-established program at WWU lived up to its great reputation as we tackled current topics/issues in education.

Duane Penner, WWU 2016
Vice-Principal
Abbotsford Middle School

Program Details

At Western Washington University (WWU), we pride ourselves in welcoming participants who come to us as students, are treated as colleagues, and graduate as life-long friends. Since 1944 WWU has developed strong educational leaders in a program taught by practicing educational experts.

Local Faculty

All classes are taught by current, or recently retired BC Administrators in conjunction with WWU Faculty.

Canadian Educational Content

Practical application of the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders will be tailored to Canadian and local school district policies and procedures meeting TQS Requirements for Category 6.

Flexible Program

Courses will include a blend of online and face-to-face meetings.

Meets TQS Requirements for Category 6

Program Cost

- Master's Degree in Education:
45 quarter credits @ \$362 US/credit
- Total Program Cost: \$16,290 US

WWU is an AA/EQ institution.

The WWU Master's in Educational Leadership has enhanced my skills as a leader within my school. The classes are practical and taught by experienced instructors who use the latest research and engaging teaching techniques. The blended learning aspect of the program is allowing me to continue to work, have a family life, and learn at my own pace. I would highly recommend this program.



Brandi Kamiya
Grade 7 Teacher
Academic Achievement Dept. Head
Abbotsford Middle School

In a climate where there is so much choice for graduate studies, I am glad that I chose Western Washington University's Educational Administration Program. Its blended model of online and face-to-face meetings is perfect to accommodate the demands of being a working professional in today's classroom. Established WWU faculty and local administrators are very supportive and work collaboratively with students to put theory into practice. WWU's leadership program tackles current topics and issues in education and I feel that I will be equipped with the necessary skills to be an effective leader.



Shawn Mani
Grade 7 Teacher
Athletic Director
Abbotsford Middle School