

Comparison of Certificate and Degree Options in Educational Administration

	Residency Principal Certificate	Master's in Educational Administration (M.Ed.) with Residency Principal Certificate	Master's in Educational Administration (M.Ed.)
Objective	Aspiring Principals: Designed for educators who hold a master's degree, or are currently enrolled in a master's program. Candidates earn the Washington State residency principal's certificate.	Aspiring Principals: Designed for educators who wish to acquire their residency principal's certificate while earning a master's degree. Courses required for the administrative credential serve as electives for the degree; an additional 12-credit internship is required for residency principal certification.	Aspiring Teacher Leaders: Designed for educators who wish to earn a master's degree focused on school leadership.
Prior Education	Master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university.	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university; 3.0 undergraduate GPA in the last 90 quarter credit hours (60 semester credit hours).	Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university; 3.0 undergraduate GPA in the last 90 quarter credit hours (60 semester credit hours).
Current Certification	Valid Washington State teacher or educational staff associate (ESA) certificate.	Valid Washington State teacher or educational staff associate (ESA) certificate.	Valid Washington State teacher or educational staff associate (ESA) certificate.
Prerequisite Experience	Three years of documented successful school-based experience in an instructional role with students is required by completion of the program .	Three years of documented successful school-based experience in an instructional role with students is required by completion of the program .	Three years of documented successful school-based experience in an instructional role with students is required by completion of the program .
Required Courses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 512 Policy Studies in Educational Administration (4 credits) 2. 537 Seminar in Public School Finance (4) 3. 541 Theory in Educational Leadership (4) 4. 543 Supervision in the Public Schools (4) 5. 548 School Law (4) 6. 549 Seminar in School Personnel Administration (4) 7. 550 Developing Staff and Community Relations (4) 8. 552 Planning for Curriculum Administration (4) 9. 553 Administering Elementary and Secondary Schools (4) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 512 Policy Studies in Educational Administration (4 credits) 2. 537 Seminar in Public School Finance (4) 3. 541 Theory in Educational Leadership (4) 4. 543 Supervision in the Public Schools (4) 5. 548 School Law (4) 6. 549 Seminar in School Personnel Administration (4) 7. 550 Developing Staff and Community Relations (4) 8. 552 Planning for Curriculum Administration (4) 9. 553 Administering Elementary and Secondary Schools (4) 10. 501 Introduction to Educational Research and Evaluation (4) 11. 538 Case Studies in School Administration (4) 12. 539 Educational Leadership (4) 13. 547 Readings in School Administration (4) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 512 Policy Studies in Educational Administration (4 credits) 2. 537 Seminar in Public School Finance (4) 3. 541 Theory in Educational Leadership (4) 4. 543 Supervision in the Public Schools (4) 5. 548 School Law (4) 6. 549 Seminar in School Personnel Administration (4) 7. 550 Developing Staff and Community Relations (4) 8. 552 Planning for Curriculum Administration (4) 9. 553 Administering Elementary and Secondary Schools (4) 10. 501 Introduction to Educational Research and Evaluation (4) 11. 538 Case Studies in School Administration (4) 12. 539 Educational Leadership (4) 13. 547 Readings in School Administration (4)
Internship	592 Field Experience in Administration for the Principal (12 credits) Year-long Internship	592 Field Experience in Administration for the Principal (12 credits) Year-long Internship	
Total Credits	48	64	52