FAQs

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, practice-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 ensure 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 five university quarters taking approximately 15 months to complete. Please find a detailed course calendar on our website at www.edu/EdAdmin.

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In partnership with the Langley 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 Langley 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

As an instructor for the Educational Administration program at Western Washington University, I work with students to explore relevant content and current issues applicable to the role of an educational leader. The blended model allows students to have face-to-face meetings at convenient times, while also having a flexible online portion. It is exciting to see students complete the program equipped with the skills to be an effective leader.

Lisa Lainchbury
Principal,
École James Kennedy Elementary School

Language School District is excited to partner with Western Washington University to provide this learning opportunity for educators and up-and-coming leaders. The courses will be taught by local educational leaders, and the content is practical and applicable to the current work of a building or district leader. We know how critical top quality leadership is in our system and WWU has created a program, with input from Langley School District, that exceeds expectations for setting up future leaders for success. I speak from my own experience as an instructor for the Educational Administration Program in praising the wonderful collaborative environment WWU has established to engage all leaders of learning. The courses and instruction of this program will equip participants with the skills needed to become confident and highly effective in leading successful schools/districts.

Woody Bradford
Assistant Superintendent,
Langley School District

The Educational Leadership Program at Western Washington University offers the practical knowledge and skills necessary to become an effective administrator. The blended model allows for flexible online learning combined with the support of face-to-face classes with experienced, and supportive instructors. The content is current, relevant and directly applies to my role as a leader.

Kim Gasquillo
Vice Principal,
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