



## Master of Education in Education Leadership (503)

Our schools need caring, fair, ethical leaders who can create supportive educational environments that help all students learn. NSU is committed to preparing such leaders. Our master's degree in Educational Leadership (EDL) is 36 hours of both online and traditional classroom courses, with classes offered primarily at the Natchitoches campus and some at the Learning Center in Rapides Parish (England Air Park). During the culminating internship, our graduate students (referred to as candidates) perform administrative activities while being supervised in a school setting.

Plan today to expand your educational administrative opportunities with a program that combines scholarly research and practical experience. The program is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC). Additionally, the internship experiences and EDL courses emphasize competencies and skills defined by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC).

Successful completion of the master's degree program and passing the School Leader Licensure Assessment (SLLA) qualify graduates for a Louisiana Level One Administration License.

Each applicant must:

- Have a valid teaching license
- Apply to the Graduate School and meet entrance qualifications
- Submit two letters of recommendation as stipulated by the Graduate School, preferably with at least one from a principal and/or superintendent.

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**EDL M.Ed. Course Requirements** (Subject to change: the University Catalog in effect when you begin the program governs your matriculation)

EDCI 5020, Curriculum Development for School Improvement (Prerequisites-None)  
EDCI 5030, Instructional Improvement and Assessment (Prerequisites-None)  
EDL 5200, Introduction to Standards Based School Administration (Prerequisites-None)  
EDUC 5010, Educational Research and Evaluation (Prerequisites-12 hours)  
EDUC 5850, Action Research for School Improvement (Prerequisite-EDUC 5010)  
EDL 5300, Supervision for Evaluation and School Improvement (Prerequisites-EDL 5200, 5400, 5700)  
EDL 5400, The Principalship (Prerequisites: EDL 5200 and 5700, EDCI 5020 and EDCI 5030)  
EDL 5500, Financial Resources for Public Schools (Prerequisite-EDL 5200)  
EDL 5600, Human Resources for Professional Development (Prerequisites-EDL 5200, 5400, 5700)  
EDL 5700, Ethics and School Law (Prerequisite-None)  
EDL 5800, School Community Relations (Prerequisite-None)  
EDL 6200, Internship in School Administration (Prerequisites-Completion of pre-internship portfolio, registered to take the SLLA exam, and have registered for or completed all other required EDL courses)

Students may opt to complete the Master's Degree requirements in 18 months, 24 months, 36 months, or 48 months. A typical 24-month schedule of classes is as follows:

#### **Summer 1**

EDCI 5020, Curriculum Development for School Improvement (online)  
EDL 5200, Introduction to Standards Based School Administration (4 ½ weeks)  
EDL 5800, School Community Relations (online)

#### **Fall 1**

EDCI 5030, Instructional Improvement and Assessment (online)  
EDL 5700, Ethics and School Law

#### **Spring 1**

EDL 5500, Financial Resources for Public School  
EDL 5300, Supervision for Evaluation and School Improvement

#### **Summer 2**

EDUC 5010, Educational Research and Evaluation (online or face-to-face)  
EDL 5400 The Principalship (4 ½ weeks)

#### **Fall 2**

EDUC 5850, Action Research for School Improvement (online)  
EDL 5600, Human Resources for Professional Development  
Register to take Licensure Exam

#### **Spring 2**

EDL 6200, Internship in School Administration  
Take the (SLLA) School Leaders Licensure Assessment  
Portfolio Defense  
Submit Application for Graduation

Graduation & Hooding Ceremony

#### **CERTIFICATION**

This degree may lead to add-on certification in the State of Louisiana. Out of state requirements are different.

#### **ACCREDITATION**

Northwestern State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, and specialist's degrees.

Northwestern's College of Education and Human Development has been continuously accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since its initial accreditation in 1954. All other professional preparation programs are recognized as accredited by NCATE. This designation describes the professional education unit's conceptual framework and provides evidence that demonstrates NCATE's six standards are met. Educational Leadership M.Ed. degree is also accredited by ELCC.

#### **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

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