ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION - PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP (EDD)

As a principal, you'll have the opportunity to lead a school community and create programs and initiatives with a last impact on students, tackling equity issues along the way.

You have the experience teaching in the classroom, now it's time to hone your leadership skills with an advanced degree in administration and supervision with principal preparation.

BY THE NUMBERS
100% of our alumni pass the content exam for ISBE licensure for principal preparation
100% employment placement among graduates

CURRICULUM
Program Features
• 48 semester hours of completed coursework + 24 transfer hours from master’s degree = 72 total credit hours
• Successful completion of capstone project under the supervision of Full-time ADSU Faculty
• Two semesters of internship experience
• Earn ISBE Principal Endorsement
• Must be a practicing teacher or administrator with at least two years of work experience in your field
• Must be continuously enrolled in program

Program Length
Most students complete the program in four years. Students take two courses per semester and are able to complete the required coursework in less than three years (including summer enrollment). The length of time for the capstone project depends upon the topic and the diligence of the student. Candidates for the Doctor of Education degree (EdD) have a maximum of seven years to complete the degree.

If students are unable to work on the degree for a period of more than one semester, they should request an official leave of absence from the program. Students who need more time to complete the degree must file for an official extension of time; the student’s advisor will then recommend either a leave of absence or an extension.

Continuous Enrollments
Doctoral students in administration and supervision are required to maintain the status of continuous enrollment during their program of studies. This means that during each semester of each academic year (excluding Summer Sessions), each student must enroll in at least one course. A formal leave of absence may be granted upon request and the approval of the School of Education’s Assistant Dean of Student Academic Affairs.

Sample Course Sequence
Course offerings are contingent upon enrollment.
EdD with Principal Endorsement Program: 72 credit hours required for program completion

Illinois Licensure Requirements
Candidates in all programs leading to Illinois licensure are required to pass an Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP), the appropriate endorsement exam, and a State Criminal Background Check.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
You'll become an expert in tactics to positively transform schools and improve student performance. You'll learn how to facilitate data-driven decision making in your school community, and engage in tangible, real-world internship experience to put these ideas into practice.