

PRINCIPAL LICENSURE

Introduction

LEO offers coursework that leads to eligibility to apply for the initial license for K-12 principal through the Colorado Department of Education. In addition to coursework, the Colorado Department of Education also requires an exam. Information about Colorado Department of Education exam requirements can be found here <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/endorsementrequirements> (<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/endorsementrequirements/>).

Admission to the LEO principal licensure program is competitive. All principal licensure applicants must hold at least a bachelor's degree and a teaching or special services license; we also recommend principal licensure applicants have a minimum of three years of post-licensure teaching or special services experience. LEO's principal licensure program is project-based, requiring students to present evidence of meeting both state and national standards through performance based assessments. A 400-hour clinical-practice experience is integrated throughout the four-semester program.

Students submit performance-based assessment/content modules (PBAs) during the principal licensure program to an online assessment system. For successful principal licensure completion, PBAs not approved by the end of the fourth semester must be completed within the two subsequent semesters (not including summer.)

Note: Those already holding a master's degree and 5 years of leadership in education should also see the Administrator License - Executive Leadership (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-education-human-development/leadership-educational-organizations/administrator-license-executive-leadership-program/#text>) Program for pursuing K-12 administrator (superintendent or district-level leadership) licensure.

Principal Licensure Cohort Options

Typically, cohorts are comprised of approximately 25 principal candidates who move through the four-semester principal licensure program together. We welcome applicants from all districts into our principal licensure cohorts. However, we also partner with metro-area districts to prepare leaders specifically for their schools.

Program Requirements

Principal Licensure Course Requirements:

Code	Title	Hours
EDUC 5751	Principal/Administrator Licensing I	3-9
EDUC 5752	Principal Administrator Licensing II	3-9
EDUC 5753	Principal/Administrator Licensing III	3-9
EDUC 5754	Principal or Administrator Licensing IV	3-9
Total Hours		12-36

Total: 32 semester hours for Principal Licensure.