

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY ANALYSIS: WISCONSIN IDEA PRINCIPAL PREPARATION, MS

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

Face to Face	Evening/Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
No	No	Yes	No	Yes

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	24 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements	None.
Assessments and Examinations	None.
Language Requirements	None.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
Note: Students may take ELPA 703 in the first summer and ELPA 847 in the second summer as determined by the department.		
ELPA 735	Leadership for Equity and Diversity	3
ELPA 832	Resource Allocation for Equity and Social Justice	3
ELPA 847	Instructional Leadership and Teacher Capacity	3
ELPA 900	Internship in Educational Administration	3
ELPA 845	School-Level Leadership	3
ELPA 863	Race, Class and Educational Inequality	3
ELPA/INTER-HE 770	Community, Opportunity, and Justice	3
ELPA 840 or ELPA 640	Public School Law Legal Rights and Responsibilities for Teachers	3
ELPA 703	Evaluating and Supporting Quality Classroom Teaching	3
ELPA 726	Data-Driven Leadership for Educational Equity and Systemic School Improvement	3
Total Credits		30

Practicum

The program includes a practicum experience that requires 150 contact hours for an initial administrator license and an additional 75 hours for each additional administrative license. Practicums are completed under the guidance of department faculty.

Submission and approval of an online portfolio is required for degree completion and certification. Portfolio requirements (<https://elpa.education.wisc.edu/academics/resources-handbooks-and-forms/>) are available on the department website in the program handbook.

OPTIONAL COURSEWORK FOR ADDITIONAL LICENSURE

Students may also be eligible for a Director of Instruction (6 additional credits) and/or Director of Special Education and Pupil Services license (6

additional credits) by completing additional course work and an additional 75-hour practicum for each license.

Director of Instruction

Code	Title	Credits
Optional Coursework for Additional Licensure, Director of Instruction		
ELPA 860	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Education	3
ELPA 875	Theory and Practice of Educational Planning	3
75-hour field experience		
Total Credits		6

Director of Special Education and Pupil Services

Code	Title	Credits
Optional Coursework for Additional Licensure, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services		
ELPA/RP & SE 835	Leadership for Inclusive Schooling	3
ELPA/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ RP & SE 842	Legal Foundations of Special Education and Pupil Services	3
75-hour field experience		
Total Credits		6

Other Policy

Students in this program may not take courses outside the prescribed curriculum without faculty advisor and program director approval.

Students in this program cannot enroll concurrently in other undergraduate or graduate degree programs.