EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Focus in Educational Leadership

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Program Information

The Master of Professional Education in Educational Leadership builds on a strong base of research, theory, and practice to develop expertise and appropriate confidence in recognizing, addressing and ameliorating problems of professional practice in education systems.

This program is suitable for:

- Teacher leaders
- Community college leaders
- School board leaders
- Supervisory officers
- Independent school leaders
- Aspiring and practicing principals and vice-principals
- Other post-secondary school leaders

Western Education
Program Merits
Combining theory with practical research, professional program students will address the challenges that currently face educators while striving to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and their school communities.

The program nurtures the ability to become contributing members of professional and academic communities as informed, yet critical, scholar practitioners. In addition to participating in graduate seminars addressing pertinent theory and research, candidates critically analyze problems drawn from their practice contexts. The program culminates with a capstone project addressing a topical problem of practice through collaborative research.

Program Design
Students may achieve advanced credit (a total of 2 half-courses) for completion of the Ontario Principal’s Qualification Program (PQP, Parts I and II) or Ontario Supervisory Officer Qualification Program (SOQP) or an equivalent qualification from another jurisdiction. Course fees are still required from students, even with the course release, as continuous enrollment is required in this program.

Course Titles Include:
- Leading Schools
- Approaches to Research
- Resource Development and Management for Effective Education
- Policy and Law for School Leaders
- Organizing for Instruction
- Research and Evaluation in Schools
- Finding, Framing, and Solving Problems in Professional Practice

Admission Requirements
Normally, a 4 year degree (20 full courses or equivalent) from an accredited university is required. Applicants with 3 year degrees will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must have a minimum "B" standing (70%) or equivalent in the final two years of study.

How to Apply
Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Spaces are limited. Applicants are encouraged to submit early.

1. Choose your preferred professional program and stream: Contact the Graduate Programs Office with questions or concerns.
2. Prepare the following documents:
   - Transcripts
   - Personal Statement of Intent
   - Résumé
   - 3 Reference Letters (academic and/or professional supervisors, or equivalent)
3. Apply via Western’s online application webpage: www.edu.uwo.ca/graduate-education/admission_contact/apply.html
4. Learn more
Details regarding our professional graduate education programs are available on our website: www.edu.uwo.ca/graduate-education/index.html

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