**Admission Essay**

**Conceptual Framework**

The Principal Preparation Program’s conceptual framework is ***Practical Wisdom for Leaders: Connecting Theory to Practice,*** which encompasses the following beliefs:

* Leadership preparation features a dynamic relationship between practice and scholarship.
* Courses blend themes of Leadership, Learning, and Social Justice in the context of Practical Wisdom.
* Faculty honor diverse voices and multiple perspectives.
* Graduates are our partners in the field, building inclusive learner-centered communities.

**Write an integrated essay that expresses your response to the Conceptual Framework (see above) and answers the following 5 questions:**

1. What qualities do you possess and what experiences have you had that demonstrate you have the potential to become a principal?

2. How do you understand the importance of balancing practice and scholarship as a school leader?

3. How do your professional and academic goals relate to the conceptual framework and the themes in the curriculum?

4. After completing the program, as a school leader in what ways might you continue to participate in a partnership with ISU?

5. Why have you selected this program?