



Student Testimonial

Tracy Donath is the Director of Curriculum for Peoria Public Schools where she supports K-12 students and teachers.



Course Information

36 credit hours (Approximately 2.5 Years)

- 430: Issues in Site Level Leadership
- 431: School Leadership and the Law
- 432: Principal as Change Agent
- 433: Leading Learning for Equity
- 434: Supervision of Learning
- 435: Leadership for Stages of Mind
- 436: Leadership for Diverse Learning Needs
- 437: Assessment Data Systems
- 438: Building Community Engagement through Collaboration
- 439: Leading School Improvement Planning
- 498: Internship in Educational Administration

Schedule

Courses

Fall '26
 Spring '27
 Summer '27
 Fall '27
 Spring '28

Internship

Spring '28
 Summer '28
 Fall '28

The principal preparation internship is not full time and does not require a leave of absence from your employer.

Apply

Preferred application deadline of April 15, 2026
[Apply.IllinoisState.edu](https://apply.illinoisstate.edu)

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 in a 4.0 scale for either the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work or any previous work in a master's program
- Updated resume
- Written recommendation from current school district official
- One Official copy of transcripts from all institutions attended (excluding ISU)
- Admissions essay
- Professional portfolio that contains evidence of how all students are supported in achieving high standards of learning, accomplished classroom instruction, significant leadership roles, excellent communication analytic abilities, demonstrated respect for community, strong interpersonal skills, and knowledge of curriculum and instruction practices.
- Prospective candidates will be interviewed by representative faculty and advisory committee partners.

More Info

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About the Program

The Master's in P-12 Educational Administration is a 36 credit hour program leading to the principal endorsement on a professional educator license. It qualifies educators to become principals, assistant principals, and other P-12 leadership roles. The next online cohort begins in the fall of 2026 and will meet virtually on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

The program's framework is called *Practical Wisdom for Leaders: Connecting Theory to Practice*. The courses are built on 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.

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Why We Stand Out

Our program was one of the first in the state to offer an internship component with a wide range of school partners. Our graduates grow and network in ways that land them leadership positions fresh out of the program. It's a strong part of Illinois State's education-focused graduate programs that *US News & World Report* ranks as #81 in the nation.

Cost & Funding

Tuition & fees are approximately \$1,700 for a 3-credit graduate course for in-state or bordering states. Tuition increases annually.

Read about Illinois State's scholarships, tuition waivers, & graduate assistantships at:

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Financial aid details available at FinancialAid.IllinoisState.edu



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