

# PK-12 PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATE

## POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

## DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



### DELIVERY METHOD

100% Online

### START TERMS

Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer

### COMPLETION TIME

Approximately 18 months

### NUMBER OF CREDITS

21 credits

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Principal Certificate candidates are required to take the School Leaders Licensure Assessment exam (Praxis 6990)

Official SRU Certificate at completion of program. Certificate leads to PDE Certification for PK-12 Principal

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Leadership is arguably the most critical factor in achieving excellence in education. Slippery Rock University's (SRU) Principal Certificate is designed to produce executive leaders that are capable of managing the growing complexities and demands that PK-12 Schools in Pennsylvania need today. The program addresses the development of knowledge, skills, and dispositions required to effectively lead a school by establishing an organizational vision, creating and implementing a strategic plan, exercising shared governance, and engaging in effective decision making. The program will also focus on leading edge approaches in such areas as organization systems, finance, budgeting, enrollment management, marketing, management, and the development of the inner strengths of leaders. This holistic approach will prepare principals for leadership roles in Pennsylvania's schools.

SRU's Principal Program consists of 21 credits and is delivered online with two practicum placements. Courses are taught during the fall, winter, spring, and summer terms. In addition, Students will receive online synchronous advisement (e.g., webinar, telephone and/or video conferencing). The program will be offered part-time.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Slippery Rock University's Principal Certificate offers:

- 100% online delivery
- A competitive curriculum that focuses on highly practical by design, with course topics that are centered on the application of the most recent and perennial trends in educational leadership
- Experienced faculty with administrative experience
- Upon completion of the program, candidates will receive an official SRU graduate certificate

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Official transcripts - undergraduate and graduate degree transcripts
2. GPA requirements - undergraduate GPA of a 3.0 and graduate degree with a 3.5 or higher
3. Resume
4. Two letters of recommendation (references who can articulate the applicant's academic background and leadership potential)
5. Copy of teaching certificate or educational specialist certificate (PA and out-of-state applicants with active teaching or specialist certificates)

## SCHOOL LEADERS LICENSURE ASSESSMENT EXAM

Principal Certificate candidates are required to take the School Leaders Licensure Assessment exam, test code 6990 (computer-based only). For more information: <https://www.ets.org/sls/prepare/materials/6990>.

## TUITION

Information on current tuition can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or the Office of Graduate Admissions.



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## CURRICULUM GUIDE

SEFE 650	Strategic Leadership	3
or SEFE 850	Strategic Leadership	
SEFE 652	Organizational Leadership	3
or SEFE 852	Organizational Leadership	
SEFE 614	School Finance	3
or SEFE 814	School Finance	
SEFE 617	Practicum in School Administration *	3
or SEFE 817	Practicum in School Administration	
SEFE 617	Practicum in School Administration *	3
or SEFE 817	Practicum in School Administration	
SEFE 615	Administrative Ethics and School Law	3
or SEFE 815	Administrative Ethics and School Law	
SEFE 621	The Principalship	3
or SEFE 821	The Principalship	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

\*SEFE 617/817 is taken twice for a total of 6 credit hours.

### IMPORTANT CURRICULUM GUIDE NOTES

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.

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