

PK-12 PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATE

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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)

CURRICULUM

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

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

SCHOOL LEADER'S 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. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.



Earn the certification needed for educational administration and principal positions in Pennsylvania. This 18-credit online program meets the current requirements established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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