

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Leadership is arguably the most critical factor in achieving excellence in higher education. Slippery Rock University's (SRU) Principal Certification is designed to produce executive leaders that are capable of managing the growing complexities and demands that K-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, fundraising, 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 Certification 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



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee of \$25.00:

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)
5. Copy of teaching certificate, a PA certificate is not required

CURRICULUM

Core Courses (21 credits):

- SEFE 650/850: School Supervision: Strategic Leadership (Summer)
- SEFE 652/852: School Supervision: Organizational Leadership (Winter)
- SEFE 614/814: School Finance (Fall)
- SEFE 617/817: Practicum in School Administration (Winter and Spring)
- SEFE 615/815: Administrative Ethics and School Law (Fall)
- SEFE 621/821: The Principalship (Summer)



SCHOOL LEADERS LICENSURE ASSESSMENT EXAM

Principal Certification 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.

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