Master of School Administration

The master of school administration degree (MSA) prepares students to become school leaders. The program incorporates learning through service leadership projects at schools. The program consists of 42 semester hours including a year-long internship. Completers obtain a North Carolina principal license and are eligible for the North Carolina curriculum instructional specialist license.

The part-time MSA program is delivered as a combination of both evening and online courses offered at partner locations like schools and district offices, for example. The locations vary based on the location of the majority of the cohort applicants. The full-time MSA program is offered on ECU’s campus.

MSA candidates complete Service Leadership Projects as part of the program. View completed projects on our YouTube Channel by searching “ECU Service Leadership Projects” or clicking http://tinyurl.com/ECUSLPs.

If you are interested in attending full-time you may qualify for the North Carolina Principal Fellows program. For more information and applications visit the program website at www.ncfpf.org/prospective.htm.

Who applies? Prospective students with a minimum of three years teaching/school experience are ideal candidates for the program.

- All application materials must be sent to the ECU Graduate School at www.ecu.edu/gradschool. The application deadline for each cohort year is January 15. Part-time MSA program starts second summer semester each year. Full-time MSA program starts fall semester each year.
- Visit our website for a complete list of application materials at www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/leed/MSA.cfm.

The MSA at ECU is nationally accredited by the National Policy Board for Educational Administration (formerly known as ELCC).

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