MASTER OF EDUCATION (leading to Initial/Professional* Licensure)
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

This program is designed to assist professional educators in the acquisition of Massachusetts Administrator Competencies in the leadership, school management, professional development and equity standards required by the Regulations for the Certification of Educational Personnel. Students are required to successfully complete a written comprehensive examination to demonstrate mastery of knowledge gained in coursework and to relate concepts across the curriculum. The comprehensive exam may be taken after completing all required courses and a minimum of 27 s.h. of coursework within the Master’s program.

Prerequisites:
1. A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
2. Possession of Professional (Standard) Massachusetts certification;
3. Completion of three years of school-based employment in a role in which the candidate holds a certificate, or three years of equivalent employment in an alternative instructional setting;
4. An introductory course in Special Education;
5. An introductory course in Educational Measurement or Computer Applications.
6. Passing score on the MTEL Communication and Literacy skills test is required for Initial Licensure as a School Principal at any level.

Core Requirements          (24 s.h.)
F.B.E. = Field Based Experience
1. EDUC 0663       Introduction to Educational Administration (15 hours of F.B.E.)
2. EDUC 0604 The School Principal (10 hours of F.B.E.)
3. EDUC 0608 Educational Finance
4. EDUC 0621 Supervision in the Schools (20 hours of F.B.E.)
5. EDUC 0630 School-Community Relations (15 hours of F.B.E.)
6. EDUC 0633 Social Cultural Theories: Foundations of Education
7. EDUC 0635 Laboratory in Program Assessment & Design
8. EDUC 0636 School Legal Theories & Practice

Specific Requirements         (6 s.h.)
A. Option:   Elementary School Principal (PreK-6)
  1. EDUC 0612 Organization & Administration of Elementary Schools.
     (15 hours of F.B.E.)
  2. EDUC 0629 Experiential Curriculum Development Workshop: Elementary
B. Option: Middle School Principal (5-8)
  1. EDUC 0611 Organization & Administration of Middle Schools (15 hours of F.B.E.)
  2. EDUC 0681 Experiential Curriculum Development Workshop: Middle
C. Option: Secondary School Principal (9-12)
  1. EDUC 0613 Organization & Administration of Secondary Schools (15 hours of F.B.E.)
  2. EDUC 0682 Experiential Curriculum Development Workshop: Secondary
Practica: (6 s.h.)
EDUC 0637 Practicum: Elementary School Principal PreK-6
EDUC 0638 Practicum: Middle School Principal 5-8
EDUC 0639 Practicum: Secondary School Principal (9-12)
EDUC 0616 Internship: Elementary School Principal PreK-6
EDUC 0617 Internship: Middle School Principal 5-8
EDUC 0609 Internship: Secondary School Principal 9-12

Requirements for Master’s Degree: 36 s.h.

*Professional licensure is obtained by candidates directly from the Department of Education after at least three full years of employment under the Initial School Principal licensure and completion of a one-year induction program with a trained mentor.