School Administration Programs

Master of Arts in Educational Administration; Specialist in Educational Administration
Principal; Supervisor of Instruction; Director of Pupil Personnel; Director of Special Education;
CTE Principal; School Superintendent; Ed.D. in P20 & Community Leadership

Cohort Program Roundup

Murray State University leads all public universities in the implementation of the revised principal programs. Our region leads all others because of the commitment of our school districts to partner with us and to commit to an approach to principal training that creates quality!

- **New Cohorts Forming**
  We are recruiting for two new Cohorts for 2014. To best serve our region, we are taking applications for a cohort at the Madisonville and Paducah Campuses. Applications are due April 1, 2014 to be eligible for an application fee waiver. Applications received after April 1 will be reviewed.

- **Current Year 1 Cohorts**
  Cohorts in Murray, Hopkinsville and Henderson began in August 2013. There are approximately 30 students across these cohorts. These cohorts will finish in May 2015 and represent the following districts: Calloway, Christian, Todd, Daviess, Henderson, Hopkins, Dawson Springs Independent, Caldwell, Union, Paducah Independent, Murray Independent, Hickman, McCracken, Marshall, Graves, Mayfield, Webster, and Trigg. The first semester is focused on school culture and community outreach. Candidates have conducted assessments of school climate and culture, examined TELL Survey data and worked through case studies using the new Teaching Conditions Standards. A community survey has been conducted and students are developing a focused PR plan. Next semester they will begin work with personnel and the instructional program, specifically PGES.

- **Current Year 2 Cohorts**
  Cohorts in Paducah and Madisonville began in August 2012 and will finish May 2014. There are 18 candidates across these cohorts, five of which are already employed as Principals or Assistant Principals under Option 6 of the Alternative Route to Administrative Certification. These candidates are involved in planning their capstone projects for presentation in May 2014. The last semester will be comprised of a course dedicated to the instruction of diverse learners and the completion of the capstone projects.

Advanced Program News

- **Doctorate of Education**
  The Ed.D in P-20 and Community Leadership is one of the first doctorates in the nation to provide an innovative and integrated P-20 approach to educational leadership across the continuum. Candidates will experience exponential growth in their personal and professional life and connect with a community of entrepreneurial-minded change agents. This program will challenge student’s thought-processes and strategize solutions to complex problems with innovative leaders. This program is designed for experienced leaders in PK-12, post-secondary, community and STEM-related areas who have a proven record of success as a P-20 leader. There are three areas of specialization: STEM, PK-12 and Post-secondary. This is a 60-hour degree program that features cross-disciplinary courses with the Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business and the Jesse D. Jones College of Science, Engineering and Technology. It is a cohort-based program that has an executive-style delivery of blended (weekend and web-enhanced) courses along with a one-week summer residency.
Cohort students are required to log 250 hours of field experience. This includes a ‘capstone project’ that requires students to apply best practices in change leadership.

There are approximately 25 principal or assistant principal position open each year across the 22 districts in the Murray State University service area. To meet that need, MSU and school districts must work closely to identify and encourage future administrators.

Murray State University’s five fulltime School Administration faculty combine for over 100 years of administrative experience across five states.

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New cohorts are forming in Paducah and Madisonville for 2014.

Candidates must complete a masters degree before being eligible to apply for Central Office endorsements, which are generally six additional hours for the Level 1.

We believe by more closely aligning preparation for pK-12 and CTE principals that Career and College Readiness efforts are enhanced. Therefore, the CTE Principal certification now lies within the Principal Cohort Program.

Course Requirements

**MA and Level 1 Certification...............30 hours**

- ADM 601 School Leadership and Culture
- ADM 602 Socio-Political Dimensions of School Leadership
- ADM 611 School-wide Instructional Leadership
- ADM 612 Development of School Personnel
- ADM 631 Organization and Operation of Schools
- ADM 632 Internship I
- ADM 671 Internship II
- ADM 672 Strategic School Leadership
- ADM 681 Instructional Leadership for Diverse Learners
- ADM 682 Internship III

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