Preparing Educational Leaders to Serve Disenfranchised Populations

Department of Educational Leadership and Administration

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Program Benefits

The Master’s and Licensure Program (MA Pk-12) will:

☑ Cohort-based program allows you to collaborate with fellow students and faculty
☑ Prepare you for a career in primary and secondary school administration
☑ Develop your leadership skills
☑ Provide you with a strong understanding of primary and secondary educational systems
☑ Enable you to complete internships in positions or with organizations that interest you
☑ Inform you concerning current trends and politics affecting primary and secondary education
☑ All coursework required for licensure eligibility in NM will be provided

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ELA Mission Statement

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Required Courses

- ELA 575 The Principalship
- ELA 586 Multicultural Leadership in EDUC
- ELA 578 Leadership & Admin. of BE
- ELA 590 Basing Decisions on Data: Pk-12
- ELA 570 EDUC Leadership, Supervision
- ELA 576 EDUC Financial Management
- ELA 579 Public School Law
- ELA 564 Internship: Public Schools Part 1
- ELA 530 Management of EDUC Change
- ELA 531 Special Education Administration
- ELA 565 Internship: Public Schools Part 2

11 courses (33 credits) required for the degree

Program Design and Offerings

This program offers distance delivery instruction (both synchronous and Asynchronous modalities). The internships require attendance at monthly seminars that are held face-to-face on the Las Cruces campus.

Degree Requirements

Each applicant is required to:
- Complete 33 credit hours of coursework
- Pass a final comprehensive examination
- Comply with all requirements outlined in the ELA Master’s Handbook and the NMSU Graduate Catalog

*ELA Requires a portfolio submission

Each applicant is expected to submit:
- A letter of intent
- A current resumé
- Proof of three years of teaching in Pk-12 sector (District HR Dept.)
- Copy of current U.S. teaching license
- Three letters of reference

*Note: Portfolio is a separate admission process, sent or delivered directly to the ELA Office

Admission Requirements

Applicants are expected to submit the following:
- Application to the Graduate School Office
- Provide transcripts from all institutions of higher education
- Pay application fee

Each applicant is expected to:
- Have attained at least a 3.0 (GPA) undergraduate degree
- Hold a bachelor’s (in any discipline) from an accredited university
- Commit to completing a minimum of 2 years to a program of study leading to a master of arts degree in educational administration
- Comply with all additional requirements as outlined by the Department of ELA.

Accreditation

New Mexico State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.