

Building Level Administrator

The Arkansas Department of Education requires a Building Level Administrator license for employment as an Assistant Principal, Vice Principal, or Principal in any Arkansas public school. Requirements for the Building Level Administrator license may be accomplished with an in-depth program of study in educational administration. Enrollment in the Building Level Administrator licensure program requires an earned Bachelor's Degree and current standard teaching licensure in the area of specialization. The internship must be completed in P-12 settings.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the Building Level Administrator Licensure program of study, the candidate must submit an application to both the Graduate School and the Educational Leadership Program as outlined at <http://edle.uark.edu/admission-requirements.php>.

Requirements for Completion

To complete and receive the Building Level Administrative license, the candidate must:

- Have an advanced graduate degree or advanced program of study based on the current leadership standards for Building Level license for beginning administrators;
- Have a current teaching license.
- Have at least four (4) years of teaching experience;
- Successfully complete the required program of study educational leadership core courses (24 credit hours);
- Successfully complete an internship experience;
- Successfully pass the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA);
- Successfully pass the Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) Exam for school administrators; and,
- Successfully complete a culminating portfolio experience.

Program of Study

The required leadership core courses constitute the standards associated with that body of knowledge and the application of appropriate skills and dispositions to be a successful school building leader/administrator. Candidates may present acceptable coursework for transfer credit by presenting official transcripts from an NCATE accredited and approved educational administration program of study. Candidates will complete required course projects and activities related to building level leadership.

Program of Study for Building Level Administrator (grade level P-12)

(24 credit hours)

EDLE 5013	School Organization & Administration
EDLE 5023	The School Principalship
EDLE 5043	Ethical Leadership
EDLE 5053	School Law
EDLE 5063	Instructional Leadership, Planning, & Supervision (course fee required)
EDLE 5083	Analytical Decision Making
EDLE 5093	Effective Leadership in School Settings
EDLE 574V	Internship

Please Note:

- The 8 courses that appear above in the program of study are not in a sequence of delivery. To see the course rotation go to: <http://edle.uark.edu/courserotationmatrix.pdf> and follow the Masters rows from left to right.
- EDLE 5093 requires an additional fee to pay for a subscription fee to Teachscape – the only source of training modules and the Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) exam which is required for certification.