

Admission requirements

In addition to minimum Office of Graduate Studies requirements, admission in full standing to the degree program requires that the applicant meets the following requirements:

- Two letters of reference
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution

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Program

The mission of the MS Educational Leadership & Policy degree program is to develop and prepare educators to assume formal or informal leadership roles within their organization. Through our program, we seek to develop the individual's capacity to:

1. Envision and guide organizational change.
2. Communicate effectively, engage constituents, develop people and build community.
3. Advocate and promote equity for diverse populations and respect for individuals.
4. Integrate theory, data, research and ethical standards into the context of one's practice through continual learning.

The program consists of 18 credits of core coursework in addition to a 12-credit area of emphasis. Students should take EDL 730 Introduction to Leadership in Educational Systems early in their program to provide direction in program planning. The General Emphasis is the most popular area of study. You are able to design your own emphasis area, selecting classes you are interested in taking in order to reach your specific career goals.

A variety of licensure and certificate programs are also available through this program as well as a Doctorate program. These would include:

- Educational Administration (PK-12 Principalship)
- Library/Media Licenses (902 I, 902 P and 91 Supervisor)
- Postsecondary, Technical and Adult Education (PTAE) Certificate
- Athletics Leadership and Sports Management Certificate
- Social Justice Certificate
- Ed.D. Superintendency Licensure 03 District Administrator License (contact Dr. Karen Gibson for admission requirements at gibsonk@uwosh.edu)

The program is open to full-time or part-time students.

Degree requirements

The program consists of 30 graduate credits. All students must take a core of 18 credits; the remainder of the program consists of an area of emphasis designed by the student and an advisor based on the career goals, interests, and needs of the student.

All students must be Admitted to Candidacy and complete a culminating experience. Students have two culminating options: a thesis or a seminar course.

Accreditation

Licensure programs are approved by Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

About the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

- UW Oshkosh is the third largest of the 13 state-supported universities comprising the University of Wisconsin System.
- The university enrolls about 1,200 graduate students as part of a total student body of about 13,500.
- UW Oshkosh is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).
- With a population of more than 65,000, the city of Oshkosh is consistently ranked among the top small cities in the nation.

Graduate program faculty and services

- Graduate faculty hold doctorates and/or other terminal degrees and professional credentials in their respective fields.
- Outstanding student services, research equipment/facilities, and library resources provide an ideal environment for graduate programs.

Financial assistance

- Graduate assistantships are available to eligible students each year.
- The Advanced Opportunity Program offers funds to students of color and non-minority economically disadvantaged students.
- Scholarships may be available through some colleges and graduate departments.
- Loans and student employment are available through the Office of Financial Aid.
- International students are eligible to apply for both graduate assistantships and State-of-Wisconsin nonresident partial tuition remissions.

Non-degree-seeking students

- Persons with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution may take coursework as a graduate special student for professional advancement or enrichment without applying or gaining admission to a degree program.
- Enrollment in courses for non-degree-seeking students is subject to availability and/or approval.

Minimum Graduate Studies admission requirements

Admission in full standing to a program requires the applicant to meet the minimum requirements listed below:

- a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution;
- an undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (4.00 scale) *or* at least 2.90 during the last half (approximately 60 credits) of undergraduate work;
- submission of *official* transcripts of all collegiate work;
- submission of a completed on-line application and payment of a non-refundable \$56 application fee.

Most programs have additional admission requirements such as letters of recommendation, standardized test scores, written personal statements and other portfolio items. Refer to www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies, the program website, or contact the Graduate Studies Office for more information.

NOTE: International student admission requirements differ from U.S. citizens. Contact the Graduate Studies Office for more information.

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