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## Master of Education, Educational Leadership

### Required Graduate Core Courses (21 hours)
- EDUC 500: Research Design
- EDUC 502: Foundations and Psychology of Leadership
- EDUC 504: Curriculum Design and Evaluation
- EDUC 546: Perspectives on Families, Community, and Political Involvement in Public Schools
- EDUC 565: Advanced Application Learning Science
- EDUC 569: Data-Based Decision Making

Choose one of the following:
- EDUC 563: Management of the Classroom Environment
- EDUC 564: Classroom Management

### Emphasis Area (15 hours)

**Principal Emphasis**
- EDUC 581: School Law for Education Leaders
- EDUC 583: Elementary and Secondary Principalship
- EDUC 587: Supervision

Choose one course from the following:
- EDUC 608: Education Leadership Practicum
- EDUC 609: Education Leadership Integrated Project

Choose one course from the following:
- EDUC 611: Administrative Problem Solving in the Field
- EDUC 617: Administrator Problem Solving Synthesis

**Instructional Leader Emphasis**
- EDUC 582: Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness
- EDUC 585: Theory and Philosophy of Instructional Coaching
- EDUC 586: Techniques and Strategies of Instructional Coaching

Choose one course from the following:
- EDUC 558: Advanced Techniques of Reading Methods
- EDUC 559: Advanced Intervention for Struggling Readers
- EDUC 578: Adolescent Literacy Theory and Technique
- EDUC 590: Analysis and Correction of Reading Disabilities

### Total (36 hours)

Your degree requirements

In the M.Ed. program, you’ll choose one of the following emphasis areas:
- Principal Emphasis
- Instructional Leader Emphasis

Courses are designed to meet the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium Standards. If you reside outside Missouri and plan to enroll in the Principal Emphasis, you are responsible for verifying that the program meets requirements for licensure as a principal in your state.

To be admitted into the M.Ed. program, you must have an undergraduate degree with teacher certification in one or more areas, plus teaching experience.

Columbia College is currently in the process of seeking approval to offer the Master of Education in Educational Leadership in certain states. The degree is currently not available in all states. Please see the state authorization page on CCIS.edu for specific details.