

MSEd in Educational Leadership

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The Masters of Science in Education- Educational Leadership (MSEd-EL) program prepares elementary and secondary educators to obtain high-level supervisory positions in public schools. The coursework offers a comprehensive understanding of educational administration in an urban environment. Students acquire managerial and analytical skills applicable to a wide range of institutional settings, including public, private, and charter schools. The focus is on the latest scholarship in educational leadership and on developing applied knowledge through experience working in teams within public schools. The degree requires the completion of 33 credits. Students who obtain 24 credits are eligible to apply for the School Building Leadership (SBL) certificate mandated by the State of New York to become an assistant principal or principal. With 15 more credits beyond the 24 credits, students can apply for a School District Leadership (SDL) certificate from the State of New York to become a school superintendent.

Courses		
PAF 9301	School Leadership in the Community	3 credits
PAF 9306	Human Capital Management for the Educational Leader	3 credits
PAF 9309	Instructional Leadership in Educational Organizations	3 credits
PAF 9310	School Leadership and Organizational Management	3 credits
PAF 9311	School-Community Relations (prerequisite: PAF 9301 and PAF 9302)	3 credits
PAF 9312	Legal and Policy Issues for the Educational Leader	3 credits
PAF 9313	Practicum in Supervision (<i>prerequisite</i> : PAF 9310 and 9311)	3 credits
PAF 9314	Instructional Leadership (<i>prerequisite</i> : PAF 9310)	3 credits
PAF 9315	Seminar on Problems of Administration of the Urban School (<i>prerequisite</i> : 15 credits)	3 credits
PAF 9318	Educational Policy	3 credits
PAF 9319	School Finance and Budgeting	3 credits
PAF 9320	Internship and Seminar I	3 credits
PAF 9321	Internship and Seminar II	3 credits
PAF 9340	Introduction to Special Education Administration	3 credits
PAF 9341	Advanced Topics in Special Education Administration and Supervision (<i>prerequisite</i> : PAF 9344)	3 credits
PAF 9342	Political Policy Analysis in Education	3 credits
PAF 9399	Selected Topics in Educational Administration	3 credits

Most MSEd-EL courses are offered through partnerships with organizations and programs that are responsible for the professional education of school administrators. Applications are made directly to the sponsoring organization, which are then transferred to Baruch College for submission to the graduate admissions system for processing. Depending on the program, the instruction is offered on Baruch College's campus, at the New York City Leadership Academy in Long Island City Queens, and within New York City's public schools. Five partnership programs are offered.

[Aspiring Principals Program \(APP\)](#)

APP is a 14-month leadership development program. APP has 3 distinct phases: 1) a 6-week summer intensive that engages participants in a problem-based, action-learning curriculum that simulates the challenges of a New York City principal; 2) a 10-month, school-based residency under the mentorship of an experienced principal; and 3) an ending summer session that enables participants to transition successfully into school leadership positions. All participants are evaluated on a pass-fail basis and must meet rigorous performance standards to progress to each successive program phase and to graduate. Participant salaries and benefits are paid by the New York City Department of Education while in the program. Students receive 24 credits for the completion of PAF 9301, PAF 9309, PAF 9310, PAF 9314, PAF 9312, PAF 9319, and PAF 9320 and are recommended for State certification once all requirements are met. Classes are completed off-campus at the New York City Leadership Academy.

Leaders in Education Apprenticeship Program (LEAP)

LEAP trains school leaders to maximize their effectiveness. The year-long program begins with a summer institute that provides the knowledge and skills to manage instructional improvements, initiate effective organizational change, handle difficult problems, and engage parents and community in the accomplishment of educational goals. The summer institute is followed by a full-time internship in a school setting that involves implementing innovative projects and honing leadership skills. The internships are guided by mentor principals selected for their outstanding track record in urban public schools. By completing the summer intensive, their courses throughout the fall, as well as their full time mentorship, the participants receive academic credit for PAF 9301, PAF 9309, PAF 9310, PAF 9314, PAF 9312, PAF 9319, and PAF 9320 and are recommended for State certification once all requirements are met.

Scaffold Apprenticeship Model (SAM Citywide)

SAM Citywide is a School Building Leadership certification program that integrates leadership skill development into the work of school improvement. The entire program is directed by an expert lead facilitator. The curriculum entails an apprenticeship model where learning is embedded in the work participants do in their schools. The participants' schools are the subject of study, professional literature augments craft knowledge, and action research links theory and practice.

The aim is to scaffold a sequence of research-based ideas that shape school work – explicitly at first and then internalized as “habits of mind.” Success is measured by the capacity of the participants' to improve student outcomes in the schools in which they work. In a 2-year cohort model, students complete the following courses on the Baruch College campus: PAF 9310, PAF 9314, PAF 9309, PAF 9319, PAF 9301, PAF 9312, PAF 9320, and PAF 9321 and are recommended for State certification once all requirements are met.

New Leaders for New Schools (NLNS)

New Leaders for New Schools is a School Building Leadership certification program that trains individuals to become leaders within their schools within the role of Assistant Principal and Principal. This program consists of an intensive summer institute, followed by a yearlong, full-time internship where the student will have substantial projects and leadership opportunities in a school, as well as academic sessions to incorporate the theory with the practice. The internships will be led by exceptional mentor principals selected for their outstanding track record in urban public schools. The participants receive academic credit for PAF 9301, PAF 9309, PAF 9310, PAF 9314, PAF 9312, PAF 9319, and PAF 9320 and are recommended for State certification once all requirements are met.

Teacher Education Leadership (TEL)

TEL is designed to develop the skills required for a teacher to become an assistant principal or principal. The instructional material is job-embedded and participants learn by doing, using their own schools as the focus of their study. The program takes place over two semesters and participants receive 12 credits and a certificate of completion from Baruch College. Completed at the NYC Leadership Academy, the participants receive academic credit for PAF 9301, PAF 9309, PAF 9310, and PAF 9314.