

AURORA UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP — PRINCIPAL ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM (MAEL-PEP)

This program is designed for educators who wish to become a principal or leader in their district and prepares you to earn the Principal Endorsement for your Professional Educator License (PEL).



FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE

Program designed for working educators featuring spring, summer, and fall starts.



ESTABLISHED PROGRAM

AU has one of the largest MAEL-PEP programs in Illinois.



CONVENIENT LOCATION

The program is offered on the main AU campus. Cohorts also are available at AU Woodstock Center and at district partner sites throughout Illinois. *Cohorts must have a minimum enrollment in order to begin.*

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

A two-year, 36-semester hour program

Coursework is designed with field experience hours built into the nine foundation courses.

- » Educational Leadership and Organizational Theory (3)
- » Internship for Educational Leadership I (3)
- » Internship for Educational Leadership II (3)
- » Introduction to the Internship (3)
- » School Leadership and the Law (3)
- » School Leadership and the Law for Special Populations (3)
- » Technology for School Leaders (3)
- » The Leader's Role in Fiscal Management (3)
- » The Leader's Role in Human Resources and Supervision of Staff (3)
- » The Leader's Role in School-Community Relations (3)
- » The Leader's Role in Supervision, Assessment, and Evaluation in Literacy Learning (3)
- » The Leadership Role in Curriculum Development, Instruction, Assessment, and Evaluation (3)

This program is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and collaboratively designed by AU and members of our District Partnership Network.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates for the program must hold a current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL), have completed at least two years of teaching or school support staff experience prior to the start of their first semester, and currently be under contract as a full-time classroom teacher or in a school staff position.

CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT:

- » A completed Aurora University Master of Arts in Educational Leadership — Principal Endorsement Program admission application (aurora.edu/apply).
- » Official transcripts* from all colleges attended: undergraduate degree indicating a GPA of 2.75 or higher or a graduate degree indicating a GPA of 3.0 or higher, both based on a 4.0 scale.
- » A current résumé documenting teaching experience.

Once all above items are submitted, a personal interview will be conducted by a panel of Aurora University faculty. As part of the interview, you will be asked to complete a timed writing sample.

*Official transcripts may be sent to AU-Etranscripts@aurora.edu or the mailing address below.

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Office of Admission
347 S. Gladstone Ave.
Aurora, IL 60506

FINANCIAL AID AND PAYMENT OPTIONS:

The following general payment options are available:

- » Financial aid in the form of Stafford Loans (available to students who qualify)
- » Per semester (generally two courses are taken per semester)
- » Monthly payments spanning a semester
- » Deferred payment plan (available for those who receive employer tuition reimbursement)

You will have the opportunity to choose/change payment methods each semester.

To determine your financial aid eligibility, visit fafsa.gov to file your FAFSA.

Additional program fees (subject to change):

- » PERA Teacher Evaluation Certification Training
- » ILTS Principal Instructional Leader Endorsement Tests
- » ISBE Endorsement Application
- » AU Graduation