Master of School Administration (MSA) Program Requirements

The MSA program consists of **42 semester hours**. Courses prepare candidates to lead school improvement, empower teachers, positively impact student learning, foster a safe and supportive school culture, and engage with school and communities.

A supportive school and district setting is essential for MSA students as they immerse themselves into these service learning experiences. As part of admission to the program a “MSA Letter of Agreement and Support” will be signed by the student, principal, and superintendent to solidify a partnership with the MSA program and to establish guidelines of agreement for the MSA student, the principal, and the superintendent. This LOS is uploaded to your admission application with the Graduate School.

For the principal license, candidates complete Service Learning Projects (SLPs) and a yearlong internship. Candidates are also eligible to take the Praxis for Educational Leadership exam to add the North Carolina curriculum instructional specialist level 1 license.

Candidates may pursue the MSA as a full-time or part-time student. Most of our students continue to teach/work full-time and attend courses in the evenings.

**Start of program:** second summer term (typically the last week in June)

**Length of time required:** six continuous semesters / 2 years

**Delivery method:** hybrid model with coursework delivered both face-to-face and online

**Location of face-to-face meetings:** off campus partner locations (school, district office), which vary each year based on the location of the majority of the students — past cohorts have been in Craven, Johnston, Lenoir, Onslow, Wake, and Wayne counties

**Number of students admitted:** Typically admit 4 cohorts (14 students per cohort) per year with an estimated total of 60 students

**Tuition for North Carolina residents:** approximately $10,200. Courses are classified as Distance Education, so you are charged the Distance Education tuition rate (Approximately $250 per credit - half the cost of on-campus courses). See [ECU Cashier Website](#) for more information and out-of-state rates.

**Schedule:** courses are held in the evenings one day per week typically starting at 5 pm until 8:30 pm

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**Online option:** the online cohort is also available for students who are not within driving distance of a cohort location – online cohort still meets one day per week online, along with a week-long face-to-face meeting in the summer, and once a month fall (4 times) and spring (4 times) semester of second year / internship year.

**Projected Part-time MSA Program of Study (42 s.h.)**

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*Leads to license in: North Carolina Principal (P-012) and Curriculum Instructional Specialist (SG-113)*