

Master of School Administration



**A degree with full-time
and flexible scheduling
options that prepares
educators for school
and district leadership**

At A Glance

Degree Type: Master of School Administration (M.S.A.)

Program Length: 45 credit hours (includes 12 internship hours)

Application Deadline: Typically, applications are due in early spring.

For exact dates, visit ed.unc.edu/msa.

The Master of School Administration (MSA) program provides full-time and flexible scheduling options to prepare experienced educators for prominent school and district leadership roles. Our licensure-granting curriculum combines research-based practices with real-world contexts, with a focus on equity, social justice, and improvement sciences. With both virtual and face-to-face access to courses, the MSA program accommodates the schedules of in-state students who continue to work full time while earning the degree.

Our MSA graduates move into leadership positions in schools and districts, while others assume influential roles within state, regional, and national organizations focused on professional learning, advocacy, and/or policy development.

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Our full-time, two-year MSA program, which begins during the summer, blends face-to-face and digital learning to accommodate ranging needs of North Carolina's future school leaders.

Students within the MSA program meet during summer, fall, and spring semesters, earning nine credit hours per semester. Our students also complete a year-long principal internship.

Our MSA program is cohort-based so students are able to create a learning community and professional network among themselves in their journey to becoming school leaders.

The School of Education is one institution home to the revamped North Carolina Principal Fellows Program. The program at Carolina — UNC LEADS — features partnerships with school districts in Bertie, New Hanover, Sampson, Wake, and Wayne counties and with a group of charter schools in preparation of the state's most effective future school leaders.



Brittanie Howard '21
Assistant Principal
Wake County Public School System

“The School is one of both grit and grace. The program is challenging and requires much of students in study, diligence, and pursuit of field experience. However, the School also extends much in grace – understanding that everyone’s journey does and will look different, and allowing room for students to explore what success looks like for their specific journey.”

How will *you* propel the world?

To learn more about the Master of School Administration program or to learn more about applying, email ed@unc.edu.

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