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Our faculty members are former  
school administrators with  
experience in creating improved  
schools. They have special  
competencies in the following:

Administration

Change

Research

School Evaluation

School Improvement

Social Justice

Special Projects

Supervision

Technology

Multicultural  
Education



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**Imagine . . .**

**A Master's Degree  
In Educational Leadership  
Leading to a  
Standard Principal Certificate**

**could be yours!**

**Principal Cohort Program**

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS 36-HOUR MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university
- Teaching certification
- Overall grade-point average of 2.5 and a GPA of 2.8 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work (exclusive of freshmen-level courses)
- Two years of teaching experience
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)-Cleared with a minimum 800 composite on the verbal and quantitative sections. For more information, log on to <http://www.ets.org>.
- Admission to the Graduate School

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS 18-Hour Certificate Only Program

Same as above plus the following:

- Master's Degree in a related field from an accredited university
- Cleared with a minimum 1,000 composite score on the GRE. For more information on the GRE, log on to <http://www.ets.org>.

## ONLINE PROGRAM

The Principal Preparation Program is also available online. Each course meets three Saturdays per semester in addition to the online experiences. Field-based activities are also components of all courses in the program. No more than two online courses can be taken during each semester. The courses proceed in sequence. Not all program courses are offered online during any one semester.

## CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Both 18- and 36-Hour Programs

- Maintain a B average in each area of the program
- Be recommended by the certificate office of the university to the Texas Education Agency's Division of Educator Certification and Standards  
Log on to <http://www.sbec.state.tx.us> for more information.

## HOW TO APPLY

Obtain necessary forms from the Department of Educational Leadership by logging on to <http://www.education.sfasu.edu/sed/>.

For application to the Graduate School, log on to [http://www.sfasu.edu/graduate/ProspStudents/apply\\_reg.html](http://www.sfasu.edu/graduate/ProspStudents/apply_reg.html).

## COURSES

### Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Standard Principal Certificate

AED 501*	General Administrative Theory & Practice
AED 516*	The School Principalship K-12
AED 517*	Instructional Leadership
AED 549*	Foundations of Curriculum
AED 513	Administration of Special Services
AED 565*	Public School Law
AED 552	School and Community Relations
AED 553	School Personnel Administration
AED 519	Supervision of the Instructional Program
AED 591	Practical Inquiry & Action Research I
AED 592	Practical Inquiry & Action Research II
AED 599*	Seminar in Educational Leadership

\*Required for the 18-Hour Certificate Only

## BELIEFS AND CORE VALUES THAT GUIDE OUR PRINCIPAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

- Importance of building a learning community
- Empowerment of stakeholders
- Use of research (data driven) and scholar-practitioner
- Real-world application of knowledge, skills and field experiences
- Change agent
- Program theme/philosophy: social justice

## THEORETICAL BASE FOR OUR PRINCIPAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Synergistic Leadership Theory  
Transformational Leadership Theory  
Constructivist Theory  
Distribution Theory  
Adult Learning Theory  
Leadership for Social Justice.

## SFA Educational Leadership program graduates will be transformational and reflective leaders who will:

- create a learning community
- serve as a catalyst for meaningful change
- create and promote social justice (excellence and equity)
- promote high expectations of academic excellence for all