The MES is designed to provide you with opportunities to integrate your areas of educational interest into the course work as you:

- Leading a learning community in times of change
- Providing instructional leadership for increased student engagement
- Managing school operations and resources
- Moving policy to practice
- Understanding the social context of schooling
- Consider the challenges and opportunities in 21st century education
- Explore emergent, evidence-based research into educational improvement
- Consider the implications for your practice
- Plan and execute research to inform educational improvement.

This program fulfills the academic requirements for Alberta Principal certification.

**Rise to the challenges of 21st century school leadership**

The Master of Education in Educational Studies (MES) is an online, course-based program which allows you - as a teacher, educational administrator, or educational leader - to build and enhance your knowledge and practice in school leadership and improvement.

Over the course of two years and one month, in part-time study, you will develop educational research skills and learn to apply them in your educational context.

**THE PROGRAM**

The MES is structured to facilitate studying while you work. You will complete ten courses, in sequence, with a cohort of your peers. All courses are delivered online, with some synchronous components.

**YEAR 1**

**Summer Term 2023**  
EDU 520 Foundations of School Leadership

**Fall Term 2023**  
EDU 521 School Leadership: Theory and Practice

**Winter Term 2024**  
EDU 530 First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Issues in School Leadership

**Spring Term 2024**  
EDU 596 Leadership Development

**YEAR 2**

**Summer Term 2024**  
EDU 510 Fundamentals of Educational Research  
EDU 514 Planning for Educational Change

**Fall Term 2024**  
EDU 596 Supporting Educator Professional Development

**Winter 2025**  
EDU 515 Conducting Educational Research

**Spring Term 2025**  
EDU 550 Rural Education Issues and Advantages (or an approved alternate course for urban jurisdictions)

**YEAR 3**

**Summer Term 2025**  
EDU 900 Program Synthesis

Course descriptions available on the website.

**APPLICATIONS DEADLINE:**  
March 31 for Summer start

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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Four-year baccalaureate degree (or equivalent) from a recognized academic institution and a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Two years of teaching experience.
- Employment with a CASS Zone 1 School Division