Southern Arkansas University offers programs to develop future educational leaders who are committed to ensuring high quality educational opportunities and learning for all students. Candidates may apply for the following programs:

**Building Level**
- Principalship
- Assistant Principalship

**District Level**
- Superintendent
- Deputy Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent
- Directors

All graduate students who need financial assistance to attend Southern Arkansas University should contact the University’s Office of Financial Aid between January 1 and June 1 of each year. Eligibility for a federal aid program is determined through the filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid need analysis. It takes approximately six weeks for the application to be processed.

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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
Quality Leaders of Learning

Educational Leadership offers three high quality, practicum-based degree and/or licensure programs that prepare individuals for positions in school districts as assistant principals, principals, directors, deputy and assistant superintendents, and superintendents.

MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM

The master’s degree in Educational Leadership leads to licensure as a building-level administrator and requires completion of a 39 semester hour curriculum.

Applicants to the master’s degree program must provide the following information to the School of Graduate Studies:

- Official transcripts of all degrees from accredited colleges or universities attended
- Official scores on the GRE or Miller Analogies Test
- A valid teaching license
- Proof of immunization

Applicants must meet the admission requirements prior to enrolling in graduate courses.

SUPERINTENDENT’S LICENSURE PROGRAM

The Superintendent’s Licensure Program is a non-degree program designed for the individual seeking a position as a school district superintendent, including deputy and assistant superintendents, and central office directors. Candidates are required to complete a curriculum of 24 semester hours. Candidates for admission to the program must provide the following information to the School of Graduate Studies:

- A current license as a building level or curriculum administrator
- Official transcripts of all degrees from accredited colleges or universities attended
- Four (4) years of teaching experience in a P-12 school
- A current professional résumé

Applicants must also be interviewed by the program faculty.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Programs in educational leadership are based on national and state standards developed by the Interstate Consortium of School Leaders (ICSL), the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC), and the state of Arkansas. The curriculum reflects current thinking concerning the leadership and administration of school systems. It affords students the opportunity to develop the conceptual and practical bases for effectively planning, evaluating, and sustaining schools of the highest quality within a larger societal context. We strive to develop leaders who understand that the continuous improvement of systems that support the delivery of the highest quality education to all students is the fundamental mission of educational leadership.

INTERNSHIP

Candidates are required to complete an extensive internship at either the school or district level under the guidance of a University advisor and a highly qualified, experienced principal or superintendent.

PORTFOLIO

During the program of study, each candidate is required to develop a portfolio to demonstrate their knowledge and ability to apply the performances associated with national and state standards for administrators.

LICENSURE

After successful completion of a plan of study, internship, portfolio, and licensing examination, a candidate may apply for licensure in the appropriate area from the Arkansas Department of Education.