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The Department of Educational Leadership's Master of Education (M.Ed.) offers courses designed to meet the professional needs of **teachers planning to become leaders in their schools.**

The **Off-Campus Leadership Academy** was specifically designed for the instructional leaders licensure program and provides teachers with

- courses at an off-campus location closer to work and home;
- weekend courses to accommodate teaching schedules; and
- an opportunity to graduate in two years by successfully completing the cohort course schedule.

For more information about the cohorts starting this fall, please contact **Dr. Joel Hausler** at the Department of Educational Leadership (615) 898-2331.

*“Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them.”*

—John Maxwell

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## Leadership Academy Program

*Master of Education (M.Ed.)  
for K–12 Tennessee Administrator  
Licensure*



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# MTSU LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

## Program Overview

The **Leadership Academy** is a master's degree program designed to meet the new state licensure requirements for instructional leaders. The program meets all new state requirements for the training of those candidates who desire to become K–12 principals or instructional leaders at the school district level.

The **Leadership Academy** program consists of some traditional coursework but relies on field-based experiences to prepare candidates to meet the challenges of modern instructional leadership. In the second year of the program, candidates build networks and make contacts within their school systems that enable them to solve school-based problems. Candidates form partnerships with administrators in their school systems to help them become instructional leaders as they move through the six semester program. The culminating experience is the presentation of a field-based research project in the second summer. All candidates must take the Praxis examination as part of the licensure requirement.

This 33-hour program is offered in weekend cohort format. Each class meets three weekends (Friday night and Saturday), and there are two classes in each of the first five semesters. Classes meet for a total of six weekends each semester except for the last semester, which has only one class. There is an opportunity to begin a **Leadership Academy** cohort group in our service areas each fall. Candidates will be in classes with other candidates in their geographic area. Cohort groups work closely with the school districts in their areas to study leadership problems.

## Admission Requirements

Candidates must apply for admission to the Instructional Leadership Licensure Program and submit the following required documents to the College of Graduate Studies, MTSU Box 42, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

### Required Documents:

1. A Graduate School application and application fee
2. Official copies of academic transcripts from all institutions attended (Applicants are not required to request MTSU transcripts.)
3. A copy of your current teaching license
4. A copy of your most recent performance evaluation and professional development plan
5. Three letters of recommendation, with at least one letter of recommendation from your principal or other supervisor that supports your candidacy. The letters should address your teaching skills and work with students, leadership potential, or other evidence supporting your entry into the program.
6. An interview form completed by a designee of your school system
7. An interview form completed by a designee of the Leadership Program at MTSU

### For program information, contact:

Dr. Joel Hausler, Program Coordinator  
Department of Educational Leadership  
(615) 904-8272

### For Graduate School admission information, contact:

Rick Henegar, Director of Graduate Admissions  
College of Graduate Studies  
(615) 898-2840, jhenegar@mtsu.edu

### Address for all admission materials:

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## Leadership Academy Cohort Schedule

33 Semester Hours

First Fall Semester

- FOED 6020** Educational Foundations  
**SPSE 6430** Introduction to Curriculum Development

First Spring Semester

- SPSE 6010** Organization and Administration of Public Schools  
**FOED 6030** School and Community Relations

First Summer Semester

- SPSE 6390** School Law  
**SPSE 6560** Studies In Education: Supervision

Second Fall Semester

- SPSE 6040** Supervision of Instruction  
**SPSE 6050** Instructional Leadership

Second Spring Semester

- SPSE 6340** School Finance  
**SPSE 6400** The Principalship

Second Summer Semester

- SPSE 6550** Supervised Field Experience

To view full course descriptions, visit the online graduate catalog at [www.mtsu.edu/gcat](http://www.mtsu.edu/gcat).

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