Educational Methodology, Policy, and Leadership

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The curriculum leading to master’s and doctoral degrees in the Department of Educational Methodology, Policy, and Leadership focuses on developing and implementing effective practices in education and social system settings.

Programs provide educational leaders, policymakers, and researchers with the skills needed to design and implement strategies that improve practices in educational organizations. Graduates are qualified for a variety of positions such as education system administrators, principals and superintendents, instructors and researchers in higher education and nonprofit settings, specialists in intervention development, implementation, and evaluation, and researchers in evaluation, management, leadership, and educational policy.

License Programs

Administrator License Preparation

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Oregon requires administrators in public schools (vice principals, principals, assistant superintendents, superintendents, and other designated personnel) to hold administrative licenses. The University of Oregon offers planned programs of study leading to the preliminary and professional licenses for administrators and superintendents.

Preliminary Administrator License

The preliminary administrator licensure program prepares students for building and district administration. The preliminary administrator license may be issued to an applicant who completes the 26-credit program, earned a master’s degree from an accredited college or university, and provides documentation of at least three years of successful licensed experience. Admission to the program is limited and is based on the applicant’s academic work, recommendations, and professional goals. The program begins in June, and admission decisions are made in early spring. Candidates can earn a master of education (MEd) degree at the UO by taking additional course work and completing a master’s project.

Professional Administrator License

This program prepares students for continuing building and program administration—preprimary through grade 12—and for school district office assignments, including superintendent positions. Students who complete the UO preliminary administrator licensure preparation program are automatically admitted to the professional administrator program upon completion of a professional administrator license application. Application can be made to the program if the applicant completed a preliminary administrator program at another institution. Applicants to the continuing program must

• have a master’s degree

• hold an Oregon preliminary administrator license
• submit a completed application

Reading Endorsement

This option is available to those already holding an Oregon teaching license. The program’s emphasis is in literacy leadership and is for those who want to work as reading interventionists and serve as local leaders in the development, evaluation, and implementation of data-driven literacy systems.

Endorsement Requirements. Applicants must have a current teaching license, an undergraduate degree, a 3.00 grade point average, and be able to provide three letters of recommendation. If seeking a simultaneous master’s degree, students must submit a formal Graduate School application.

Application and Admission. The department follows general university policy in its admission procedures. Students who transfer to the university from other institutions must meet UO entrance requirements. Information about admission to graduate study, including certificate and endorsement programs, is available on the College of Education’s website.

Faculty


Doctoral Degree Requirements

A minimum of 144 graduate credits are required for the doctor of education (DEd) degree program; the doctor of philosophy (PhD) requires
a minimum of 138 graduate credits. In both programs, at least 84 credits must be earned after admission to the program; 18 of these 84 credits are earned in Dissertation (603). DEd students may request to transfer as many as 48 graduate-level credits; PhD students may request to transfer up to 25 graduate-level credits. The remaining required credits include courses in research methodology and electives.

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**Residency**

Three consecutive terms of full-time study (graduate credits) must be completed to meet graduate school residency requirements.

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**Graduate Specialization in Quantitative Research Methods**

The graduate specialization in quantitative research methods is designed primarily for doctoral students who have chosen quantitative methods as their primary research tradition in the College of Education. Doctoral students in other colleges and programs may be eligible but should confirm with the sponsoring department, the Department of Educational Methodology, Policy, and Leadership. The specialization is a rigorous training program in advanced quantitative research methods designed to prepare PhD students, with a competitive focus on quantitative research methods, for research and scholarship careers in education and the social sciences. Students take a minimum of 20 credits (five four-credit courses) from among the department's advanced quantitative methods course offerings, building critical expertise in quantitative methodology including applied educational statistics and research design. The course requirements include a two-course sequence in at least one advanced quantitative method and three additional quantitative methods courses.