

The demand for highly successful schools both today and tomorrow dictates that building level administrators possess high levels of managerial and leadership capacity. Principals are advocates, analysts, consensus builders, decision makers, mentors, and most importantly, thinking, reflective leaders. They must sustain a focused vision to redefine and advance the academic culture of schools and communities. The Principal Corps focuses on transforming outstanding classroom teachers into high quality instructional leaders. Join us and ignite your passion for learning, leading and evoking positive change.

Curriculum

The 13-month program takes a parallel approach to transforming teachers into educational leaders. Through graduate coursework, candidates are exposed to the theories behind learning and leadership. Simultaneously, through two full-time internships under veteran principals from across Mississippi, they gain the knowledge that only comes from experience.

Upon successful completion of the program, Principal Corps graduates receive either a Master of Education (M.Ed.) or Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) degree in educational leadership from UM. Courses

Courses (30 total credit hours)

Year 1

Summer

- EDLD 610 Mission, Vision, and Core Values of Leadership
- EDLD 614 Community and External Leadership

Fall

- EDLD 613 Instructional Leadership
- EDLD 617 School Law and Leadership
- EDLD 611 Ethics and Professional Norms for Educational Leaders

Spring

- EDLD 616 Data-informed Leadership
- EDLD 618 Operations and Management Leadership Equity and Cultural Responsiveness
- EDLD 612 Equity and Cultural Leadership

Year 2

Summer

- EDLD 619 School Turnaround
- EDLD 615 Building Level Human Resources Leadership

Internship Requirements

Two mandatory full-time, one academic semester administrative internships (approximately 1000 hours) are completed under the direction of a Site Mentor (SM) who serves as the designated school representative and the University Supervisor (US) who serves as the program liaison.

Scholarship

Candidates accepted for admission to the Principal Corps receive full funding for tuition, books, fees, summer housing and a living stipend while at UM. Each graduate makes a five-year commitment to stay in Mississippi after graduation.

Nomination of Candidates

We encourage principals and superintendents throughout the state to identify outstanding educators and nominate them for the Principal Corps.

Deadline to apply: **February 15th**

Apply at principalcorps.olemiss.edu/apply/



Or scan here



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