

PRINCIPAL ENDORSEMENT ONLINE

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the Principal Preparation licensure program, students must hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university. They must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher at the undergraduate level and a 3.25 or higher at the graduate level. Students must also possess at least two years of fulltime successful teaching experience, hold a valid Illinois teaching license, and possess proof of passing two Principal content-area tests. At the time of program completion, students must have at least 4 years of full-time, successful teaching experience to apply for licensure.

To apply, please submit the following items to The Office of Graduate Admission:

- A completed graduate application
- Online application fee
- A copy of valid Illinois teaching license
- Proof of passing two Principal content-area tests
- One official transcript from all colleges and/or universities attended
- Letters from district office recommending entrance into the principal preparation program
- Four letters of recommendation (two from a supervisor and two from colleagues)
- Resume showing evidence of adequate background for the program
- Statement of purpose indicating why you want to be a principal

Upon initial review, the process will include a required interview. Candidates will be expected to complete an on-site writing sample during the interview and submit a teaching portfolio.

Course Requirements

Licensure Only (Public School Strand)

The principal licensure program at DePaul University is an approved Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) program. It is a rigorous program preparing principals and assistant principals for work service in public and private schools in the state of Illinois.

This is a 44 quarter hour program, which leads to the State of Illinois' principal licensure.

Educational Leadership Courses: 36 Quarter Hours Required, Grade of C or Better Required in All Courses

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
A&S 491	EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP OF SCHOOLS	4
A&S 492	THE PRINCIPALSHIP	4
A&S 493	DATA DRIVEN DECISION MAKING	4
A&S 494	SCHOOL FINANCE	4
A&S 495	SCHOOL LAW	4
A&S 496	STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS	4
A&S 498	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT	4

A&S 604	PRINCIPAL LICENSURE INTERNSHIP	4
A&S 608	CAPSTONE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP	4

Curriculum Studies Courses: 8 Quarter Hours Required, Grade of C or Better Required in All Courses

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CS 492	CREATING AND SUSTAINING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES	4
CS 493	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT IN K-12 SCHOOLS	4

Specific requirements for entrance into the principal licensure program may be obtained from the office of graduate admissions or the LLC department office.

Individuals seeking the principal licensure must:

1. Complete an approved principal licensure program at an Illinois institution
2. Complete all state-mandated training and examinations
3. Have successfully completed the internship experiences
4. Hold a master's degree

Upon successful completion of all principal licensure program requirements and any additional requirements, students must apply for their license. Students are to work with the College of Education's Licensure Officer when applying for the license. This graduate certificate program is approved as a Gainful Employment Program through the U.S. Department of Education and is, therefore, eligible for Federal Student Aid.

Note: Courses in this program leading to the principal licensure are designed for practicing educators and are not open to students and any other program without the specific permission of the educational leadership program director.