



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Become a school principal

WITH SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY'S
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

**PRINCIPAL
CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM**



Be on the front end of change

The field of education is rapidly evolving. More than ever, key stakeholders, from parents to paraprofessionals, are relying on principals to usher in change and make schools successful for all students.

As a principal, you will have the unique opportunity to shape the culture of your school, create an environment in which your teachers can flourish, and infuse your students with a lifetime love of learning. This kind of work requires a special kind of leader.

If you are ready to take that next step in your career, the principal certification program at Seattle Pacific can equip you to meet these challenges.

SPU's program by the numbers



Principal Certification courses
are offered on SPU's campus
and online

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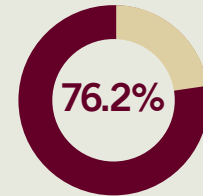
Number of core classes
required to earn your principal
certification
(Based on quarter system)

3

Number of tracks to
choose from to complete
the program

5

Average program quality
as rated by past students
(Based on scale of 1–5
with 5=excellent)



Percentage of program
graduates who now
hold an administrative
position*

*2016–18 data

Seattle Pacific University's

Principal Certification program

Develop your leadership skills

The Principal Certification program offers current research and best practices to help you become an effective leader for a broad range of constituents: students, teachers, parents, and the community.

Personalized for you

SPU's program chair will build a personalized study plan in consultation with each student.

Synchronous online classes with low residency opportunities

Program administrator candidates across Washington State can earn their program administrator certificate via a synchronous online course sequence with low residency opportunities. All classes are offered online, many with in-person hybrid options. Internship seminars are presented in person with the opportunity for those outside of

Western Washington to participate through video communication platforms. Courses are offered on the quarter system with once-per-week evening classes. Internship seminars are held on Saturday mornings once per quarter.

Finish in 14 months

You can earn your Washington Principal Certificate in as few as five quarters. Most students finish in 14 months.

Summer-only option available

This option allows you to take four classes one summer and three the next with your required internship during the school year in between. Summer courses are held on weekdays in July.



Eligibility requirements

Principal Certification program

The Principal Certification programs can be taken as a “stand alone” certificate. Individuals who qualify to enter the Educational Leadership program and already have a master’s or other advanced degree do not need to complete a second master’s degree in order to obtain certification as a school principal.

If you hold a bachelor’s degree, you can complete your master’s of education (MEd) in educational leadership in conjunction with your principal certification.

Priority Application deadlines

Autumn Quarter — August 15
Winter Quarter — November 15
Spring Quarter — February 15
Summer Quarter — May 15

For more information

Visit spu.edu/principal for required application materials.



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