

GCERT Ed Leader K-12 Admin Lic Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership with K-12 administrative licensure

Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Workflow Status

In Progress

Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

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College

College of Education & Human
Sciences

Department

Teacher Education

Campus

Main Campus

Effective Term and Year

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2026

Justification

Program Justification

Create the Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership with K-12 administrative licensure. This is in response to PED recommendation. Change in response to HB157 and Yazzie/Martinez case. Approved by Program Faculty on September 22, 2025. This will be an 18 hour Graduate Certificate.

Program Category and Level

Program Category Certificate	Program Level Graduate	Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership with K-12 administrative licensure
Certificate or Degree Type Certificate (graduate)		
Degree/Certificate Level Graduate Certificate	Proposed CIP Code ⓘ 130401	Proposed CIP Title ⓘ Educational Leadership and Administration, General
Is this program also offered online? Yes	Format(s) Partially online	AOP MOU

New program courses

Composition of new program

Existing courses	Revised courses	New Courses	Total Credits
		6	18

New Degrees/Certificates Only

Pre-proposal Executive Summary

- exec summary .pdf
- exec summary revised March2026.pdf
- exec summary revised April2026.pdf

Program Duplication

Educational Leadership is the only program that provides the curriculum content for an administrative licensure for educators at the state level.

Correspondence

Reviewed the programs in the 2025-26 nothing duplicated the GCERT in Educational Leadership certificate.

Pre-proposal Approved?

Approved

Associate Provost Memo

- Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership_Sept 29_2025_PC.pdf

Proposal File Upload

- full proposal.pdf
- full proposal revised March2026.pdf
- full proposal revised April2026.pdf

HED Submission Documents

- hed-undergrad-form-edlead.docx
- hed-undergrad-form-edlead revision March2026.docx
- hed-undergrad-form-edlead revision April2026.pdf

File Uploads

Document uploads

- budget justification memo - Dean.pdf

Associated Quali Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

LEAD 507 - Culture, Community, and Belonging: Creating Thriving Educational Communities (3)

LEAD 502 - Organizational Advancement: Strategic Leadership for School Improvement (3)

LEAD 504 - Instructional Leadership: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (3)

LEAD 506 - Developing and Retaining Exceptional Educators (3)

LEAD 508 - Change and Instructional Management Internship (3)

LEAD 511 - Professional Development and School Culture Internship (3)

Select any associated program forms that exist

Catalog Information

Program Description

The graduate certificate (GCERT) program in Educational Leadership is designed to prepare individuals to assume leadership positions in educational organizations. All rely heavily on concepts drawn from the social sciences for insight into leadership behavior, including: Strategic and Political Leadership, Organizational Leadership, Leadership for Learning and Professional Development, Data-Informed Leadership and Leadership in a Diverse Society.

Those completing this program will have attained all the necessary course work requirements to be a licensed administrator by the State of New Mexico (PED).

Admissions Requirements

Must apply to UNM Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership and meet all Graduate Studies requirements.

See Educational Leadership's web page for all details.

Graduation Requirements

Successful Completion of 18 credit hours as listed below.

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

License/Certification associated with program

Yes

Licensure Information

Post-licensure

Licensure requirements met in the following states:

New Mexico

Licensure requirements not met in the following states:

Licensure requirements undetermined in the following states:

For each state selected, is there a state or regional licensing board that oversees Professional Licensure?

Yes

State or Regional Licensure Information

1. NM Public Education Department
2. NMPED
3. NMPED Licensure Requirements

National licensing board

No

Professional Credential or Licensure Description

Professional Accrediting Bodies

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code

Title

Concentration Required

N/A

Certificate Information

Certificate Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - LEAD502 - Organizational Advancement: Strategic Leadership for School Improvement (3)
 - LEAD504 - Instructional Leadership: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (3)
 - LEAD506 - Developing and Retaining Exceptional Educators (3)
 - LEAD507 - Culture, Community, and Belonging: Creating Thriving Educational Communities (3)
 - Earn at least 6 credits from the following:
 - LEAD508 - Change and Instructional Management Internship (3)
 - LEAD511 - Professional Development and School Culture Internship (3)

Grand Total Credits: 18

Registrar Office Only

CM Program Code

BANP

Banner Program Code

Major Code

GCERT Ed Leader K-12 Admin

Lic

Online Program Code

Online Major Code

Pre-major Program Code

Pre-major Major Code

CIP Code

Concentration Inheritance

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Catalog

Catalog Activation Date

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