MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION: SCHOOL LEADERSHIP (080A)

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The Master of Science in Education degree is a 30-hour program in school leadership. It may also be part of the 60-hour Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) program leading to New York State certification in School Building Leadership (SBL), School District Leadership (SDL) and School District Business Leadership (SDBL). The master’s degree, by itself, will not lead to this certification. Rather, certification requires additional course work and an internship to complete the CAS program. The master’s degree is designed for students who are unable to pursue a graduate degree at New Paltz in their area of certification and who are not permanently or professionally certified in their fields. These areas include industrial arts, business, physical education, music, vocational education, and community college personnel.

Students are advised to check with the New York State Education Department at www.nysed.gov/ to find out if this degree may be used for permanent or professional certification in elementary, secondary, or special education.

Admission Requirements

- One official copy of all undergraduate and graduate course work; the baccalaureate transcript should be from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average.
- A current resume
- Three letters of recommendation from school administrators. Forms are available in the Application for Admission to Graduate School packet available from the Graduate School Office, HAB 804 or online at www.newpaltz.edu/graduate.

Application Procedures

Candidates may select to apply online or via paper application. Faculty review applications for the CAS program on a rolling basis.
To apply, submit the following items to the Graduate School in one complete packet:

1. A signed application (paper applications) or a signature page (online applications)
2. All undergraduate and graduate transcripts, including schools with transfer credits in sealed envelopes
3. One essay stating intent and objective of your graduate studies
4. Three letters of recommendation from practicing school administrators in sealed envelopes
5. A valid initial New York State teaching certificate

If you have questions about the application process or the programs offered, may contact the Graduate School at (845) 257-3947 or gradschool@newpaltz.edu.

Program Requirements
- File a “plan of study” with your assigned advisor within 90 days after matriculation. Matriculation must be completed prior to completing 6 credits.
- Complete prescribed course work and other requirements within five years after matriculation.
- Fifteen of the required 30 credits must be 700 level credits.
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, with no more than two grades below B-.

Curriculum Requirements /30 credits

Educational Administration .........................9
EDA763 Educational Supervision and Accountability
EDA771 Educational Leadership, Governance, and Policy Development
EDA772 Administrative Theory and Practice

Liberal Arts Electives .......................9

Education Electives .........................9
(May include one elective in Educational Administration)

For course descriptions, please click COURSES.