



Do you want to earn your **principal endorsement** and already have a master's degree?



Aurora University's Alternative Principal Endorsement program allows educators with a master's degree to earn their principal endorsement in just one year through a unique combination of internship activities and microcredentials.

The internship will help you gain knowledge and apply skills and dispositions related to school leadership. The program meets Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirements and National Educational Leadership Preparation (NELP) standards.

Throughout your internship activities, you will also complete corresponding microcredentials. These microcredentials, which were developed by the Ed Leaders Network (ELN) and vetted by outside organizations, will allow you to earn badges that will be displayed in your Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account.

Additional requirements for the Principal Endorsement include passing evaluation training and the two principal endorsement tests.



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Comparing AU's Traditional MA in Educational Leadership Program with the Alternative Principal Endorsement Program

	MAEL	Alternative Principal Endorsement
Description and Coursework	Master's Degree with Endorsement	Endorsement only
	12 courses, including 3 internship courses	3 internship courses, plus 14 microcredentials
Admission Requirements	Application	Application
	Official transcripts from all colleges attended	Official transcripts from all colleges attended
	Current résumé documenting teaching and leadership experience	Current résumé documenting teaching and leadership experience
	Personal interview and writing sample	Personal interview and writing sample
	Undergraduate degree (GPA > 2.75) or graduate degree (GPA > 3.0)	Graduate degree in education-related area (GPA > 3.0)
Modality	In-person or online	Remote internship courses
		Online, asynchronous microcredentials
Program Cost (Subject to Change)	\$492 per semester hour x 3 hours per course = \$1,476 per course	\$492 per semester hour x 3 hours per course + \$1,000 oversight fee = \$2,476 per course
		\$2,476 x 3 courses = \$7,428 (to AU)
	\$1,476 x 12 courses = \$17,712 program cost	\$180 x 14 microcredentials = \$2,520 (to ELN)
		\$7,428 AU tuition and fees + \$2,520 ELN fees = \$9,948 program cost
Additional Information	Students will take 12 courses, including 3 internship courses, to complete the MA in Educational Leadership. During or after completion of the program students need to complete evaluation training with a state-approved provider and pass two Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) content exams to be entitled to receive the principal endorsement from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).	Students will take 3 internship courses through AU while enrolling in 14 online, asynchronous microcredentials through the Ed Leaders Network (ELN). During or after completion of the microcredentials and internship coursework, students need to complete evaluation training with a state-approved provider and pass two Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) content exams to be entitled to receive the principal endorsement from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).