

# MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

The MES program offers teachers in international schools an opportunity to develop theoretical and conceptual foundations in educational leadership, administration, and management, and to explore leadership practice through a research-informed lens. The SEL program is designed to contribute to your preparation for K-12 school leadership.

Through coursework you will:

- *Explore foundational and current research pertinent to educational leadership*
- *Develop a research-informed leadership philosophy*
- *Apply theoretical and conceptual scholarship and empirical findings to issues in school leadership in international contexts*
- *Plan and execute a research study on a chosen school leadership topic/challenge*
- *Develop a leadership portfolio that may serve your future school leadership goals*

## Rise to the challenges and opportunities of facilitating educational improvement.

The Master of Education in Educational Studies (MES) focusing on educational leadership in international schools is an online, course-based program which allows current or aspiring international school leaders to deepen their knowledge and enhance their practice. The program is designed to develop competencies in consuming, applying, and conducting research relevant to your school context.

Those who currently hold a teaching certificate recognized by Alberta's Ministry of Education will be eligible for principal certification.

## THE PROGRAM

The MES is structured to allow you to work full-time while you study. This fully online program consists of ten graduate-level 3-credit courses.

### REQUIRED COURSES - YEAR 1

*Summer 2025*

EDU 597 Fundamentals of Academic Writing

*Fall 2025*

EDU 520 Foundations of School Leadership

*Winter 2026*

EDU 597 Leadership in International Schools

*Spring 2026*

EDU 521 School Leadership: Theory and Practice

### REQUIRED COURSES - YEAR 2

*Summer 2026*

EDU 597 Supporting Teacher Professional Development

*Fall 2026*

EDU 597 Leadership and Management in International Schools in Asia

*Winter 2027*

EDU 510 Fundamentals of Educational Research

*Spring 2027*

EDU 514 Planning for Educational Change

### REQUIRED COURSES - YEAR 3

*Fall 2027*

EDU 515 Conducting Educational Research

*Winter 2028*

EDU 900 Program Synthesis

**APPLICATIONS OPEN**  
**November 1, 2024**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**March 31, 2025**

For more information:  
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## PROGRAM COST (Canadian Dollars; per course)

- Canadian Citizens or permanent residents: \$1784.64 + non-instructional fees\*
  - International Students: \$2,146.44 + non-instructional fees\*
- \*All tuition and fees are subject to change.*

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Four-year baccalaureate degree (or equivalent) from a recognized academic institution and a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0
- Two years of teaching experience
- English Language Proficiency (more information on website)



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