Virginia Tech, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, was established in 1872 as a land-grant college. The university offers 60 bachelor's degree programs and about 140 master's and doctoral programs through its eight colleges. With more than 100 research centers, the university consistently ranks among the top institutions in industry-supported research and in the top 15 in the number of patents received.

Virginia Tech's presence in the Washington, D.C. area has been growing since 1969. Today the university offers a wide range of graduate programs in its National Capital Region (NCR) facilities in Alexandria, Arlington, Falls Church, Leesburg, Manassas, and Middleburg.

The College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech includes the arts, humanities, social and human sciences, and education. The college nurtures intellect and spirit, enlightens decision making, inspires positive change, and improves the quality of life for people of all ages.

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What the Program Offers

The Virginia Tech Principal Preparation Program in Falls Church, VA combines the resources of the entire university with accessibility to the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. This program has been specially designed to meet the needs of the full-time educational professional who wants to earn a Master’s or Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in the evenings on a part-time basis. Additionally, participants who successfully complete the program are eligible for provisional certification as a K-12 administrator in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

We offer the quality experiences and challenges you would expect of a well-established program that is fully accredited by the Virginia Board of Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and nationally recognized by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council for meeting the standards of the National Policy Board for Educational Administration.

We offer an exceptional experience that:

- Balances theory and application
- Provides the opportunity for an exchange of ideas among successful professionals
- Fosters a close and cooperative relationship between faculty and students
- Offers affordable tuition
- Provides for a real-world internship at all levels of K-12 education

The Principal Preparation Program is staffed with resident faculty members, all of whom have doctoral degrees. Our faculty members balance experience in schools with strong current research.

Program of Study

Classes are based on the Educational Leadership Constituent Council performance and knowledge standards.

- Leadership and Change
- Curriculum Leadership
- Student Learning
- Finance and Budgeting
- Special Education

- Research and Evaluation
- Instructional Leadership
- School Law
- Personnel
- Internship

Additionally, students actively participate in a twenty-month (300 hour) internship at the elementary, middle, or high school level, and central office, applying what they have learned in the classroom to the school setting. In the internship, they are required to demonstrate competency in a variety of standards-based skills. Students may complete half of the required hours in the school where they work.

Degrees Available

- Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (M.A.Ed.)
- Educational Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) for those who already have a master’s degree in education or a related field
  * For the Ed.S. degree, students complete a capstone project as determined by their advisor.

Tuition

Tuition is charged by credit hour. Virginia residents receive reduced tuition, and eligible K-12 educators receive an additional discount.

Admission Procedure

Prior to applying for this program, please contact the Graduate Academic Program Assistant for the Virginia Tech School of Education in the National Capital Region. The program assistant can provide you with contact information for the program faculty and all supplemental application materials.

Phone: 703-538-8481
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Application: www.graduateschool.vt.edu

Admission Requirements

- A Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university
- Evidence of potential to succeed in graduate school
- A 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale for the last two years of undergraduate study
- Interview with an admissions selection committee

Purpose

Our purpose is to develop the skills and abilities of men and women who are willing to accept the responsibilities and challenges of leadership as principals, assistant principals, and supervisors in schools and school divisions. Coursework is designed specifically to prepare instructional leaders and school improvement specialists.

Participants are prepared to work collaboratively aligning curriculum, improving instruction, and facilitating student learning and development.

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