



LEADERSHIP EDUCATION (MS)

Today's organizations and communities require dynamic and inclusive leadership ready to address complex challenges. Learn to develop, train, teach, and evaluate leadership for modern society.

Description

An M.S. degree in Leadership Education immerses students in three specific areas:

1. Leadership scholarship: understanding the field of leadership from an evidence-based perspective.
2. Teaching & outreach: developing skills necessary to effectively convey information to others about leadership.
3. Research methods & program evaluation: developing the skills necessary to conduct research or evaluate programs related to leadership.

Through close student-faculty mentoring relationships, the program provides content and experiential activities that support leadership studies, training and development, extension education, postsecondary teaching, and positions in business, government, or the private sector.

The Teaching and Extension Education specialization prepares students for careers in community college or university teaching, public school teaching (additional certifications and courses may be required), outreach programs, and Extension. The specialization is valuable for students planning teaching careers, as well as for individuals providing educational services. Teaching and extension courses focus on teaching strategies, program planning, adult education, innovation, and the use of technology in learning.

Specializations

- Environmental Studies
- Great Plains Studies
- Teaching and Extension Education

Program-Related Information

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Program Website

<https://alec.unl.edu/home/ms-leadership-education> (<https://alec.unl.edu/home/ms-leadership-education/>)

Applying for Admission

Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).

- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.
If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.

When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.

- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

Additional requirements specific to this program

- Curriculum Vitae or Resume: Your vitae should include a complete account of your academic and professional history along with your community activities, service, accomplishments, and awards.
- Personal Statement: Describe the following: 1) one to three personal and professional goals or objectives, and how this degree will help you achieve them; 2) how your past experience (work, volunteer, research, etc.) provides you a context for studying in this field; and 3) how your interests align with research, extension, and/or creative activity of each of the faculty you list in the Faculty section.
- Writing Sample is required: Provide a writing sample that demonstrates your scholarly writing ability, for example, a term paper, thesis, or published article.
- Other Upload: (Academic Research Experience Prompt) As part of your application, our faculty would appreciate you sharing any specific experience you have engaging in research. Within the program, you will be engaging in social science research (leadership, education, and communication,) and there are several types of experiences we would encourage you to highlight in this section of the application. Specifically, it would be helpful if you can share any of the following with us:
 - Any specific social science research you've conducted (by yourself or as part of a team, if in a team, please articulate your contributions specifically).
 - Any program/project evaluation experience you have..
 - Quantitative research methods experience.
 - Coursework or training in statistics and/or math.
 - Any project (for class or work) where you engaged in data analysis (either quantitatively or qualitatively)
 - Experience engaging in life sciences (e.g., biology, animal science, plant science) and/or physical sciences (e.g., physics, chemistry) research.
 - Qualitative research methods experience.
 - Experience conducting interviews,
 - Experience coding/analyzing audio, video, or written materials.

It is not expected that you have any and certainly not all of these experiences, but we wanted to provide some examples to help you answer this question.

- Faculty: Review current faculty and their research areas on this page and on ALEC Graduate Faculty (<https://alec.unl.edu/our-people/faculty/>). With attention to which faculty are currently accepting new students, identify at least one (max 3) faculty members in this department with whom you would like to work. Also address faculty interest alignment in Personal Statement.
- Letters of Recommendation: It is suggested that one letter speaks to your capacity to be a successful student (e.g. from a faculty member); one letter speaks to your professional capacity (e.g. from a supervisor); the remaining letter can speak to anything you believe makes you an ideal candidate for our program (e.g. research capacity, teaching and training experience).
- Funding/Assistantship: The department reviews applications on a rolling basis, and to be eligible for an assistantship, you must be admitted to an ALEC graduate program. You can complete the assistantship application prior to being admitted. See ALEC Funding and Assistantships for more information and to complete an assistantship application.
- Teaching and Extension Education: Writing Sample, Academic Research Experience, and Faculty Advisor are optional

Visit <https://alec.unl.edu/home/alec-ms-application-requirements> (<https://alec.unl.edu/academic-programs/graduate-programs/ms-leadership-education/alec-ms-application-requirements/>) for more information on program-specific application requirements.

Admission Application Deadlines

Deadline: Rolling Deadline.

Requirements

Hours required: 30-36

Options for the Master's Degree (<https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/policies/academic-program-requirements/#masters>)