NCSU’s Master of School Administration (MSA) program is the top-ranked school leadership program in North Carolina and one of only six programs nationally to have been designated as exemplary by the University Council for Educational Administration. The cohort-based program prepares graduates to assume building-level leadership positions in schools (public, private, and charter) as assistant principals and principals and leads to principal licensure.

**Admission Requirements**

Personal statement including career goals and aspirations; transcripts; teaching experience in K-12 schools (three years preferred); resume; three letters of recommendation (one recommendation is to be from current supervisor); minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA (preferred); participate in Candidate Assessment Day.

All application materials must be submitted through the Graduate School’s online application process only. No hard copies will be accepted. Because this program is cohort-based, no deferrals of admission are permitted.

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