## PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION (CERTIFICATE)

The Department of Educational Leadership and Administration understands that school leaders face many challenges, including legislated learning, under-funded programs, and the demands of a global economy, and increasing pressures for school reform, assessment, and accountability. School leadership programs begin with the assumption that school leaders do more than provide effective supervision. Today's school leaders also work with peers, administrators, and parents to achieve school, district, and state goals. Research on school leadership indicates that student achievement is heavily influenced by the ethos of the school. An effective school ethos is characterized by faculty collegiality, collaboration, and a sense of community in which leaders demonstrate the courage to address tough issues, the commitment and care to improve conditions for everyone in the community, and the individual, personal and technical competence to be effective.

## **Program Requirements**

## **Prerequisites**

A Master's Degree from an accredited institution, a valid teaching or ESA certificate, currently employed in a K-12 setting in the state of Washington, and a minimum of (three) 3 years of K-12 experience.

The Principal Certification Program consists of 12 credits.

## **Program Outline**

Code	Title	Hours
EDPC 912	Leadership Role Seminar (fall)	3
EDPC 920	Certification Internship (fall)	3
EDPC 913	Leadership Role Seminar (spring)	3
EDPC 930	Certification Internship (spring)	3
Total Hours		12