

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY, CAGS – ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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Program Description

The goals of the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study programs are to prepare students to:

- Lead schools, programs, and classrooms in a humanistic, caring manner.
- Demonstrate professional responsibility and ethical decision-making.
- Meet the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL):
 - Standard 1: Mission, Vision, and Core Values
 - Standard 2: Ethics and Professional Norms
 - Standard 3: Equity and Cultural Responsiveness
 - Standard 4: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
 - Standard 5: Community of Care and Support for Students
 - Standard 6: Professional Capacity of School Personnel
 - Standard 7: Professional Community for Teachers and Staff
 - Standard 8: Meaningful Engagement of Families and Community
 - Standard 9: Operations and Management
 - Standard 10: School Improvement

Accreditation

All programs at the University of New England are accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Transfer Credit

Transfer credit cannot be accepted into the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study – Advanced Educational Leadership programs or any other program leading to State of Maine certification.

Admissions

See Online Admissions (<https://catalog.une.edu/graduate/admissions/#onlineprogramstext>) for more information.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for subsequent years may vary. Other expenses include books and housing. Please consult this catalog's Financial Information (<https://catalog.une.edu/graduate/financial-information-graduate-programs/>) page for specific tuition and fees information.

Financial Aid

Detailed information and applications are available on request from the Financial Aid Office. Call (207) 602-2342 or visit the Financial Aid website (<https://www.une.edu/sfs/>).

Gainful Employment Program Disclosure (PDF) (<https://www.une.edu/pdfs/certificate-advanced-graduate-study-education-1-year-program-various-concentrations-gainful/>)

Curricular Requirements

For educators interested in pursuing an administrative certification, the University of New England offers a program to equip teachers with the foundational knowledge and curriculum required and approved by the State of Maine.

The Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) in Advanced Educational Leadership is a post-master's degree program of study preparing educators to seek an educational administrative credential in Maine through the Department of Education. This program has been designed to offer high-quality, cost-effective, and innovative curricula delivered through an online format. This program requires completion of ten post-master's degree courses (30 credits). Emphasis is on developing the knowledge and skills needed by school administrators and other educators who wish to assume significant leadership roles in their schools, educational institutions, and communities. The program is aligned with the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL).

Code	Title	Hours
Program Required Courses		
EDU 701	Educational Leadership	3
EDU 702	School Law	3
EDU 703	Edu Change/School Reform	3
EDU 704	Supervise/Eval Instr Personnel	3
EDU 706	School-Comm Rel/Communications	3
EDU 707	Instructional Leadership	3
EDU 709	School Finance	3
EDU 715	Org Theory/Strategic Planning	3
EDU 720	Special Ed Law for the Class	3
EDU 791P or EDU 791S	Internship Principal I Internship Superintendent I	3
Total Hours		30

Academic Policy

Dismissal from the Program

Termination from the Program may occur when the Education Program Director becomes aware of one of the following:

- Surrender of a teacher license in any jurisdiction for disciplinary reasons.
- Documented academic dishonesty (This also includes course online postings and email communications with faculty and staff. Students are advised that their behavior while participating in the program should exemplify the ethical behavior of a professional educator with respect to all communications.)

Minimum Grade Point Average

Matriculated graduate students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Failure to do so will result in academic probation and possible

termination from the program. Any student receiving a grade below B- on any individual course has failed that course must re-enroll and repeat the course to achieve a grade of B- or better. Any student who receives a grade of F in two or more courses may be dismissed from the program. An F that is replaced through retaking the course does not count toward this policy.

Graduation Requirements

To complete the program and receive a Post-Masters Certificate or Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study, a student must:

- Complete all program requirements.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Pay all tuition and fees.

Learning Outcomes

Students will learn to:

- Apply leadership principles, theories, and strategies to effectively influence educational practice in PK-12 settings.
- Use reflective practices to advance personal and professional growth as an educational leader.
- Demonstrate disciplinary knowledge, skills, and competencies delineated by the Professional Standards for Education Leaders (PSEL).
- Foster equitable, inclusive, and culturally responsive pedagogical frameworks in leading PK-12 settings.
- Demonstrate professionalism consistent with the roles and expectations of education leaders.