**Introduction**

*You are an aspiring leader with a passion for school reform and a dedication to becoming highly effective in supporting students in underrepresented groups.*

Through a partnership with Denver Public Schools, the Office of Continuing & Professional Education is offering a unique 32-credit hour principal licensure program that provides opportunities for licensure candidates to develop in-depth understanding of principal leadership with an emphasis on equity, language, and culture.

**Philosophy**

*Make a tremendous impact on the success of students, teachers, schools and districts.*

We cultivate transformational leaders who are prepared to embrace exceptional opportunities and demanding challenges in schools with both zeal and resiliency. The program prepares candidates with not only the knowledge and skills to earn a principal license (CDE) but also with the experiences necessary to influence systems and people by leading successful schools in reaching organizational goals, including high performance and increases in student growth and achievement.

* Work with experienced instructors to enhance self-awareness in order to more fully engage schools and communities in crucial conversations that value the language and culture of students and families as assets.
* Focus on building and maintaining relationships with school staff to develop strong support networks and maximize resources.
* Utilize technology as a means of empowerment for administrators, teachers, and students.
* Develop in-depth understanding about leadership roles and responsibilities, contemporary educational issues, and collaborations within and across communities.
* Raise a thorough awareness of the legal, financial and political dimensions of schools and school districts.
* Incorporate multiple perspectives, themes of equity and social justice, a focus on the needs and experiences of diverse children and youth, and implications for leadership in today's schools.

**In Partnership with Denver Public Schools**

Increasing the number of powerful leaders is essential to address the achievement gap in Denver. CU Denver and Denver Public Schools collaborate to provide educators with leadership skills that have a profound impact on student opportunity, achievement and success in urban and diverse communities. Denver Public Schools is committed to principal autonomy and supports high caliber school leaders who are ready to lead.

*Students who complete this cohort program will be provided with a preferred status in the candidacy for school leadership positions in the Denver Public Schools.*

**Practical**

Engage in school-based research projects that focus on the everyday tasks and challenges that face today's principals. Course and clinical practice experiences are integrated throughout the program and principal candidates may be able to use their own school as a clinical-practice site.

**CU Denver Faculty**

Study with expert faculty who are engaged in education at the state, national and international levels. Faculty collaborate with DPS principals and district leaders to form an instructional team that expands your professional horizons and connects you to best practices and the newest research emerging from innovative school and district reform.

**Affordable**

$349 per credit or $11,168 for 32 credits (plus hybrid course fees)

**Program Layout**

* Candidates complete the 32-credit principal license program as part of a cohort of approximately 25 students.
* Courses combine face-to-face and online learning in hybrid courses delivered over four consecutive semesters (including summer semesters).
* Successful completion of course work and program requirements prepares candidates to apply for the initial principal license.
* Face-to-face sessions:
* 1 week-long induction: June 24-28, 2013
* 2 fall term weekends (Friday evening & all-day Saturday): September 13-14 & November 22-23, 2013
* 2 spring term weekends (Friday evening & all-day Saturday): February 14-15, 2014 & April 11-12, 2014
* 1 final day – July 26, 2014

**Apply**

All applicants must hold at least a bachelor's degree and a teaching or special services license; we recommend approximately three years of post- teacher licensure experience in the field of education.

The ALPS program seeks students who possess:

* High intellectual ability
* Strong academic backgrounds
* Clear leadership potential

Application Deadline: April 15, 2013

Interested principal licensure candidates will apply either for the MA or EdS degree programs, although finishing the degree requirements is optional after students have completed the 32-credit licensure program. If you do not have a previous graduate degree, you may complete 9 additional semester credits and a brief paper to earn an [MA degree in Administrative Leadership and Policy Studies](http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SchoolOfEducation/Academics/MASTERS/PrincipalandSchoolLeadership/Pages/AdministrativeLeadership.aspx). If you have a previous master's degree, you may complete 9 additional semester credits and a brief paper to earn a [EdS degree in Administrative Leadership and Policy Studies](http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SchoolOfEducation/Academics/EdS/Pages/PrincipalLicensewithEdSDegree.aspx).

For application instructions go to: <http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SchoolOfEducation/Apply/Pages/AdministrativeLeadershipPolicyStudies.aspx>

**Information Session**

Join us for the DPS Principal Cohort Information Session that will be held in April. Meet CU Denver faculty and DPS representatives and network with your colleagues. For more information please contact [cpe@ucdenver.edu](mailto:cpe@ucdenver.edu).

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