

# ALBERTA PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION

Alberta Education's Leadership Quality Standard (LQS) applies to all public, separate, francophone, charter, and funded accredited independent school authorities. The LQS governs leadership certification and aims to help individuals entering leadership roles in education to have a common level of preparation.

The LQS includes the following nine competencies:

1. Fostering Effective Relationships
2. Modeling a Commitment to Professional Learning
3. Embodying Visionary Leadership
4. Leading a Learning Community
5. Supporting the Application of Foundational Knowledge of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit
6. Providing Instructional Leadership
7. Developing Leadership Capacity
8. Managing School Operations and Resources
9. Understanding and Responding to the Larger Societal Context

## APPLICATIONS

Open year-round,

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## LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Any teacher can obtain the leadership certification by completing approved leadership coursework. Teachers may complete the coursework at any time. They must meet all the requirements – including holding an Alberta permanent professional teaching certificate – before being granted a leadership certificate.

*Completion of the following two courses meets the academic requirements for principal certification in Alberta:*

### **EDU 520 Theoretical and Professional Foundations of School Leadership**

Explore the foundational dimensions of school leadership including instructional leadership, fostering effective relationships, supporting the application of foundational knowledge about Indigenous Peoples, visionary leadership, leading learning communities, modelling continuous professional learning, developing leadership capacity, understanding the social context influencing schooling, and managing school operations and resources.

### **EDU 521 School Leadership: Theory into Practice**

(Prerequisite: EDU 520)

Hone leadership practices grounded in research to demonstrate mastery of Alberta's Leadership Quality Standard (LQS). Includes a job-embedded learning component in which participants visit, observe, and collaborate with one other school leader or leadership team in a school setting of their choice, in which the Alberta Program of Studies is offered.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

These courses can be taken as an open studies student, as an elective in a graduate program (in consultation with your program advisor), or as required courses in the Graduate Certificate in School Leadership.

To optimize your learning experience, we recommend that you have a minimum of two years of teaching experience.

- Fully online, face-to-face, and blended versions of the courses are available. Online versions run throughout the academic year.

- Applications are open throughout the year. You can begin studies in Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer semesters pending sufficient course enrollment.

### **Note:**

While aspiring school leaders from other parts of Canada or the world will find value in the courses, the curricular context is Alberta.



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