



WKU is excited to announce major changes and opportunities for Growing Your Own Leaders.

Goal: To partner with Regional Education Cooperatives to develop regional cohorts of leaders in a Grow Your Own program that will:

- Be taught by local leaders who will deliver content and clinical experiences that meet the unique needs of its region
- Involve the Coop and its Members in the candidate screening and selection process
- Take only 18 months to complete
- Offer fast track options for candidates ready to assume a position of leadership

Why choose WKU?

A nationally recognized program with tuition educators can afford (because price matters!)

WKU offers deeply discounted tuition for educators. No other institution offers the same level of recognition and price point at **\$350 per credit hour**. [Click here - Kentucky P-12 Educator Tuition Discount](#)

for most recent information.

WKU will match funds for every dollar a district invests in a future leader. A partnership with WKU will provide future leaders with the lowest tuition burden in Kentucky.

A Program and a Pathway to Meet Every Need

Programs:

Principal Preparation

Supervisor of Instruction

Director of Pupil Personnel

Director of Special Education

Pathways:

- Traditional Pathway for Rank II or Rank I
- Certification Only
- Alternate Route to Certification: Earn and Learn with a Statement of Eligibility issued immediately upon a job offer and acceptance into the WKU Principal Prep Program
- Proficiency Evaluation: Earn and Learn in a certification only pathway with a Statement of Eligibility issued immediately upon a job offer and acceptance into the WKU Proficiency Program

Complete Rank 1/Level 1 or Rank 2/Master's Degree principal certification in four semesters

The WKU principal preparation program is a 30-hour Level 1 principal certification program over four semesters (but can be completed in 18 months). The first semester includes two, three-hour courses. Semesters 2, 3, and 4 include an additional two hours for embedded clinical experience work. WKU honors the clinical hours you will complete by granting an extra credit hour for 6 of the 8 required courses. Most programs require the hours *and* 2 additional 3 hour courses without awarding credit for the clinical experiences. These clinical courses are paired with content courses and are not additional content courses.

S1	EDAD 602 Introduction to School Leadership (3 hrs.) EDAD 603 School Law and Policy (3 hrs.)
S2	EDAD 604 Creating a Culture of Achievement (3 hrs.) EDAD 605 Leading a Community of Learners (3 hrs.) EDAD 610 Clinical Experiences (2 hrs.)
S3	EDAD 606 Leading Learning Systems (3 hrs.) EDAD 607 Developing Teacher Capacity (3 hrs.) EDAD 610 Clinical Experiences (2 hrs.)
S4	EDAD 608 Resource Management for Equitable Outcomes (3 hrs.) EDAD 609 Leading School Improvement (3 hrs.) EDAD 610 Clinical Experiences (2 hrs.)

Balance building relationships with convenience in blended delivery, cohort model

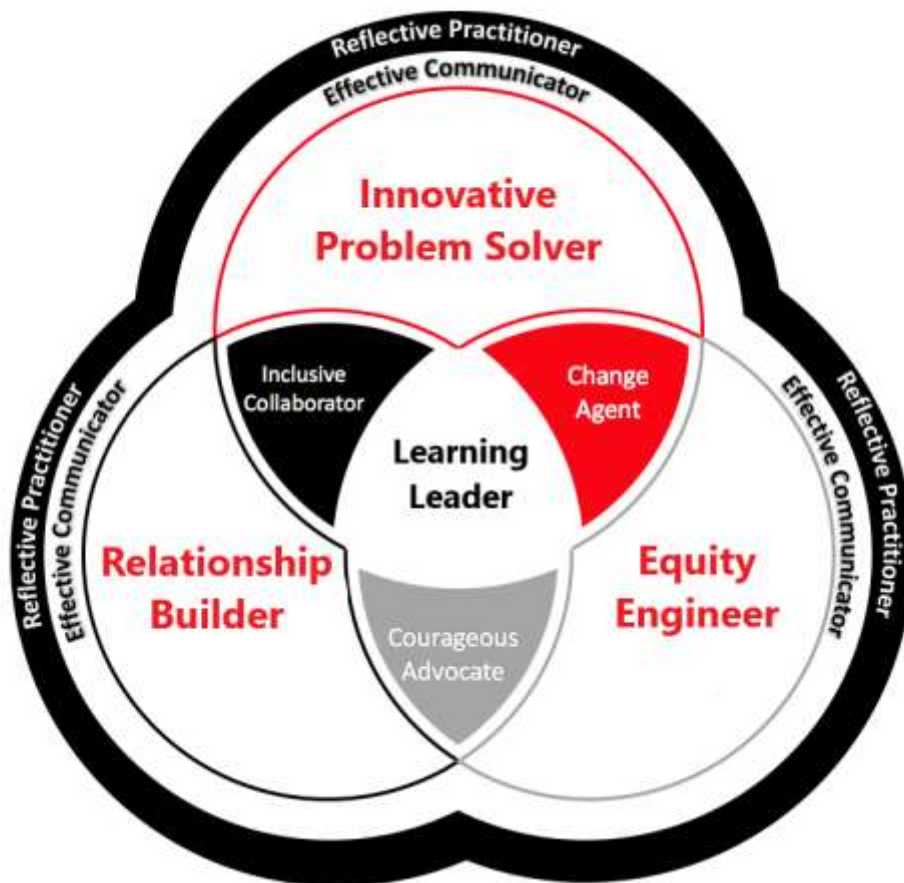
Courses in the program are delivered in a hybrid format blending face-to-face and online learning while recognizing the demands of full-time educators, but also the importance of building relationships with instructors and other cohort members.

Apply learning in personalized, job-embedded, site-based experiences

Principal candidates will participate in required, elected, and personalized learning experiences each semester to develop their leadership knowledge and skills through authentic learning activities.

Developing Complete Leaders for Kentucky's P12 Learners

WKU's vision for school leaders includes developing leaders who are learning leaders, innovative problem solvers, relationship builders, and equity engineers.



Cohorts will begin January 2022. Contact Rob Akers at rob.akers@wku.edu or at (859) 753-5898 (cell) for more information.