The MSA program is a 42-semester hour graduate program designed to prepare students for leadership and administration at the school building level and specifically for positions as principals and assistant principals.

- Degree leads to the North Carolina P License (school principal).
- Degree consists of ten 3-semester hour courses and 12 credits of internship.
- Courses are offered in the evenings during the Fall and Spring terms (e.g., on Thursday night, a class from 4 to 6:50 p.m. and another class from 7 to 9:50 p.m.) as well as during various times of day in the Summer.
- Some courses are offered off-campus or as online courses.
- Most students are part-time students.
- The time allowed for obtaining the degree is five years after the first date of enrollment.

Program Requirements:
Core courses (12 credits)
- ELC 660 School Principalship
- ELC 670 Leadership for Teaching and Learning
- ELC 694 Cultural and Political Dimensions of Schooling
- ELC 684 Teacher Rights, Recruitment, Retention and Evaluation

Research courses (3 credits) ELC 675
- Schools as Centers of Inquiry
- Specialization courses (9 credits): Students at the Margins, Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Law, Policy and Politics

Elective courses (6 credits)
- decided upon by the student and advisor

Year-long Internship (12 credits) ELC 690

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