WISCONSIN IDEA EXECUTIVE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PREPARATION PROGRAM, PHD

ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. ***Applicants must meet* the minimum requirements *(https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).*** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

APPLICATION

The PhD in Wisconsin Idea Executive Educational Leadership Preparation Program operates in a cohort model and admits new students in even years (2026, 2028, 2030, etc.). The application is not open for admission in odd-years (2027, 2029, 2031, etc.). If you have questions, please contact the Graduate Program Manager.

Applicants are required to upload the following items to the online application:

1. Essay statement. Specific requirements for the essay at this link: https://elpa.education.wisc.edu/admissions-and-aid/
2. Unofficial transcripts. Official transcripts will be required prior to Graduate School admission.
3. Resume or CV
4. Three letters of recommendation. We require recommendations from three (3) people who are qualified to evaluate the academic and professional competence of the applicants.
5. Applicants must have a masters degree in Educational Leadership or other relevant field leading to principal licensure to be considered for admission.