



New England College  
School of Graduate and Professional Studies



## School Principal Certification

Master of Education or Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (C.A.G.S.)

### Program Information

New England College's School Principal Certification program prepares educators to become certified as a School Principal in the state of New Hampshire with a Master of Education or Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study.

### New England College & Principal Residency Network (PRN) Partnership

**The NEC and PRN partnership inspires visionary leaders who shape innovative and personalized schools. Our goal is to inspire visionaries to create safe environments where children excel and where all members of the learning community are empowered.**

### Model III: Year Internship & Summer Residency

The low-residency model consists of 38 credits taken over 1 year. There are four terms of online coursework in which students participate throughout the year (two 15-week terms and two 7-week summer terms). The program is designed for students to spend one year interning under the mentorship of a certified school principal. Students will also participate in a week long residency during the July/August summer term.

### Courses:

- Portfolios I & IV (1 cr. each)\*
- Psychology of Learning Communities (4 cr.)
- Dynamics of Educational Reform & Systems Change (4 cr.)
- Supervision of Curriculum & Instruction (3 cr.)
- Internship: School Principal I (1 cr.)
- Research Practica I (2 cr.)
- Educational Technology Leadership (2 cr.)
- School Law (3 cr.)
- Research Practica II (2 cr.)
- School Leadership (3 cr.)
- Educational Leadership & Critical Issues (3 cr.)
- School Finance & Policy (3 cr.)
- Internship: School Principal II (2 cr.)
- Fundamentals of Ed Inquiry: Action Research (4 cr.)

### Application Requirements

To apply, submit the online NEC Graduate School application ([www.nec.edu](http://www.nec.edu)), current resume, personal statement, official college transcripts and 3 letters of recommendation.\*

No GRE or GMAT scores are required.

*\*The admissions committee reserves the right to require other admission documents and will inform those applicants of that requirement during the enrollment process.*

### Financial Aid Information

For comprehensive information on financial aid for graduate school, visit:

[www.nec.edu/sgps/financial-services](http://www.nec.edu/sgps/financial-services)



The School of Graduate and Professional Studies removes obstacles to educational advancement and opens new pathways for those seeking professional development and personal enrichment. We are New England's leader in quality graduate programs offered through alternative delivery models.

**New England College has developed a partnership with the Principal Residency Network for some cohorts in our low-residency model. To learn more about the partnership, please visit:**  
[www.principalresidency.org](http://www.principalresidency.org)

**For more information:**  
[graduateadmission@nec.edu](mailto:graduateadmission@nec.edu)  
603.428.2252





# Financial Assistance Application Procedures

Graduate students enrolled in the New England College Graduate programs are eligible to apply for Federal Financial Aid.

To be eligible to borrow funds under the Federal Stafford Loan program you must:

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Not be in default on prior educational loans
- Be enrolled in an eligible program at least half time
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

**Step 1: Complete the 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).** You will need your 2010 Federal Tax Return, federal PIN number ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)) and NEC's school code 002579. Graduate students are considered independent for financial aid purposes.

**Step 2: Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)** for accuracy which you will receive after the FAFSA is submitted. Any changes should be made by logging back into your FAFSA.

**Step 3:** Approximately one third of FAFSA's will be selected for the process known as "Verification." If your file is selected NEC will request additional documentation from you. Be sure to submit all requested documents and allow time for your financial aid counselor to review them.

**Step 4: You will receive your NEC financial aid award notice.** This lists the financial aid that you qualify for. If you wish to decline all or a portion of the award, notify the office in writing. **Be sure to read all terms of the award and discuss any questions with your financial aid counselor.**

**Step 5: Complete the Graduate & Online Financial Aid Funding Option Form.** The form is available through your MyNEC account or [www.nec.edu/student-financial-services/forms](http://www.nec.edu/student-financial-services/forms).

**Step 6:** For first-time NEC Stafford loan borrowers, complete online **Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling** and the **Stafford Master Promissory Note** at <https://studentloans.gov>.

**Step 7:** Review the **affordable options** for any difference between the financial aid package and the cost of attendance. Consult your financial aid counselor.

**Questions?  
Contact the Office of Student Financial Services  
at (603) 428-2226 or [sfs@nec.edu](mailto:sfs@nec.edu)**

Financial aid funds are disbursed after the start of the term and when all requirements are satisfied. Invoices, financial aid awards and outstanding requirements may be accessed online through MyNEC.

