



WILLIAM JAMES COLLEGE

Center for Behavioral Health, Equity, and Leadership in Schools

School Leadership

Leadership Licensure Program/Graduate Certificate in School Leadership (LLP/GCSL)



Current conditions have demanded principals acquire new leadership skills that are flexible, inclusive, and transformative. Leaders influence systemic change by creating shared goals and promoting effective practice. With this graduate certificate, you can make a difference in school systems and in the lives of students, teachers, and other administrators.

Program Information

The LLP/GCSL program is jointly offered through the Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA) and William James College. Using concepts from psychology and adult social emotional competencies, the LLP/GCSL program will teach you to lead diverse and multicultural workforces and transform school cultures to be equitable, inclusive, and effective. LLP/GCSL is a yearlong, 18-credit, principal preparation program that is delivered in an online format. It is aligned to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) administrator standards and designed to prepare you for the MA PAL state assessment for licensure.

Real World Learning

Field work is a transformational part of your educational experience. Through this program, you will engage in a 500-hour practicum, which is also required for licensure. If you are not currently working in a school setting, we will assist you in finding a placement.

Why MSAA and William James College?

- Study in a dynamic learning environment that is 100% focused on psychology, and developing social emotional competencies for adults.
- Engage in experiential education opportunities, which equip you with skills to immediately apply to your workplace.



“This is a good career choice for someone who wants to create social change through education. Ultimately, we aim to prepare leaders who value and shape adult learning and collaboration to enhance the student learning experience; achieving outcomes that benefit young people and our society.”

—Dr. Kris Taylor
Director, Leadership Licensure Program/Graduate Certificate in School Leadership



- Work to meet society’s evolving needs through a culturally responsive lens.
- Learn from expert instructors with backgrounds in psychology, education, and leadership. MSAA has a long history of serving the needs of Pre-K to 12 school administrators to support and promote quality educational opportunities for students throughout Massachusetts.

Career Outlook

As a graduate of the LLP/GCSL program, you may choose to use your skills to pursue principal licensure as a school principal or assistant principal. You may also use this program to leverage your strengths and skills to make a difference in your current role.

If you would like to pursue further education, you will be eligible to transfer up to eight credits to the William James College Leadership Psychology PsyD program. You must previously have earned a master’s degree and complete a separate application with the admissions office to pursue this doctoral program.



Beth Wittcoff
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Take the Next Step with MSAA and William James College

Schedule a 1/1 conversation with admissions

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8%

projected employment growth for principals between 2020 and 2030

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- \$60 non-refundable application fee, (waived for this program)
- Completed application form
- One (1) letter of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae or résumé (please include two references)
- Application essay
- Official transcript(s)



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