

## TRADITIONAL VS. NCELP

NCELP is now an 18-month program. Participants are no longer required to be in a full time administrative position. A full time teacher who is supported by their district may be considered for the program.

<b>Traditional</b>	<b>NCELP</b>
Classes offered only once a week in the evenings in 3-hour blocks (occasionally Saturday classes are offered). All course work is in a traditional format.	<p><b>Students are placed into Cohorts for the 18-month program. This provides networking opportunities as well as peer support.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Fall and Spring</b></u>  <b>Classes are offered once a month on a Sunday/Monday. Classes are in a seminar format and include conferences and speakers. Classes are designed to be tailored, field-based, and relevant and to include active learning and group participation.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Summer</b></u>  <b>Classes are offered in a block format. They are generally 5- week sessions, and students are given the opportunity to complete assignments throughout the second summer semester.</b></p>
Courses may be offered in Killeen, Waco, Stephenville, Abilene, or Ft. Worth based on the departments rotation Of core classed (not every course will be offered at Every site every semester).	<b>Courses are offered in Fort Worth, Granbury or Waco depending on the cohort's location.</b>
Students are assigned an advisor based on the first initial of their last name.	<b>All NCELP students are assigned the program director as an advisor. In addition, each student has access to the program facilitator.</b>
Students are not assured a place in a class. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.	<b>NCELP courses are only open to NCELP students and all students are assured a place in the class.</b>
Degree plans, registration, course sequencing, ExCET/ TExES registration, and certification application are the responsibilities of the student.	<b>The director and the program facilitator coordinate degree plans, assist in registration concerns, and provide appropriate course sequencing, facilitate ExCET registration, and the certification application process.</b>

<p>Emergency Certification can be obtained when the Student has a job offer and has completed 12 semester hours from Tarleton State University. The student must re-apply for a professional certificate at the completion program and ExCET/ TExES test.</p>	<p><b>Students will complete 9 hours and PDAS Certification in Summer I of their first year. The students will be eligible to apply for a probationary certificate online. This certificate is only available to students who have completed 9 hours and are in an alternative certification program that includes an internship.</b></p>
<p>Course work is based on 12 courses (36 hours) for the M.Ed. The Foundations courses consist of 15 semester hours, the Core courses consist of 18 semester hours, and the Electives consist of 3 semester hours.</p>	<p><b>Course work is based on 36 hours for the M.Ed. and principal certification with 12 hours being applied to the internship. The courses and the course sequence are structured by NCELP and are limited to NCELP students only. Because all students are in the same courses in the same sequence, the course materials spiral throughout the 18-month program.</b></p>
<p>After approximately 15 semester hours, the student must select a graduate committee.</p>	<p><b>The NCELP students are assigned a graduate committee consisting of their advisor and two other EDAD professors</b></p>
<p>Students have a Thesis option. If the student is interested in the thesis option he/she must contact their advisor.</p>	<p><b>NCELP students will complete an action research project during the 18-month program. The project is designed to be beneficial to the campus.</b></p>
<p>Prior to graduation, students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination. The examination is administered 3 times a year. It will not be offered at any other time. Students must have a degree plan on file and complete an application to take the examination.</p>	<p><b>NCELP students are not required to take a comprehensive exam.</b></p>
<p>The principal certification program is a 45-semester hour program. Course work from the M.Ed. is generally applied toward the certification plan. No course work in the core may be older than 6 years.</p>	<p><b>The Master's degree and the principal certification are integrated in the NCELP program.</b></p>
<p>The internship is 3 hours. All core courses must be satisfactorily completed prior to enrolling in the internship. Students must register, apply, and be accepted for the internship. All of the above responsibilities fall solely on the student.</p>	<p><b>The internship is included throughout the 18-months. Students may be paid for their position. They will receive support from the campus mentor, university supervisor, cohort, and program director.</b></p>