

Recommendations for Changes to Principal Preparation Requirements

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Licensure Exam

§ 115C-284 (b1)

To qualify for certification as a school administrator, an individual must meet all of the following requirements

(5) Pass the exam adopted by the State Board

Recommendations:

- Discontinue licensure exam requirement
- Include an evidence-based portfolio

Internship

§ 115C-284 (c2)

The State Board of Education shall adopt new standards by July 1, 2008, for school administrator preparation programs. The new standards shall:

(7) Require all candidates to complete a year-long internship

Recommendation:

Year-long internship defined as 10 months or 500-1000 hours

Work Experience

§ 115C-284 (d1)

...prerequisites to candidacy for principal, a classroom teacher must have attained at least the second level of differentiation, **have at least four years of classroom teaching experience**, and possess, at least, a Masters Degree in Education Administration.

Recommendation:

Require four years of work experience as a licensed educator, including support service personnel (such as school counselors, media coordinators, or social workers)

Master's Degree

§ 115C-284 (d1)

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Recommendation:

Require a Masters of School Administration degree or an add-on licensure program if holding a master's in a related field

Summary

1. Discontinue licensure exam requirement. Include an evidence-based portfolio
2. Defined year-long internship as 10 months or 500-1000 hours
3. Require four years of work experience as a licensed educator
 - Include teachers and support service personnel, such as school counselors, media coordinators or social workers
4. Require a Masters of School Administration degree or an add-on licensure program if holding a master's in a related field