PROGRAM SUMMARY
The INSPIRE TEXAS Principal as Instructional Leader Certification Program by Region 4 provides flexible yet comprehensive training to meet the specific needs of future principals. Upon successful completion of all program requirements, you will be eligible for the standard principal certificate. The program offers a complete online training format (Blackboard*) and a 12-month supervised practicum where you may be eligible for a 1-year intern principal certificate.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION
Each principal candidate completes approximately 200 hours of engaging online coursework in instructional leadership, school culture, human resources, and executive leadership.

Concurrently during the practicum, candidates document 160 hours of high-quality leadership experience under the supervision of a campus mentor and an INSPIRE TEXAS field supervisor.

Practicums can be completed at any accredited school district, charter school, or private school in Texas. Training and practice are integrated by allowing the intern to apply coursework knowledge and leadership experience in the school setting.

REQUIRES: MASTER’S DEGREE, VALID TEACHER CERTIFICATE, AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE, AND DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP SKILLS
Principal Certification

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

• Master’s degree or other advanced degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or an institution acceptable under the standards set for foreign universities
  
  Note: You may apply and begin your principal certification training during the last semester of coursework leading to the completion of a master’s degree.

• Valid teacher certificate

• At least 2 years of successful teaching experience listed on service record

• Demonstrated leadership skills in professional and community activities

• Approval from a certified campus principal who will serve as your mentor/site supervisor (mentors must have 3 years of experience as campus principal)

ADMISSION PROCESS

Complete an online application at INSPIRETEXAS.NET and submit the following documents at least 15 days prior to the application deadline:

• Official transcripts in sealed envelopes or sent directly from colleges/universities (submit transcripts electronically to info@inspiretexas.net)

• Copy of valid teacher certificate

• Certified or notarized copy of service record indicating a minimum of 2 years of credible teaching experience

• Letter of reference and support from campus principal or supervisor (if current position is not campus based) on school or school district letterhead

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEE INSPIRETEXAS.NET FOR DUE DATES

PROGRAM FEES

You have the flexibility to pay your principal training fee of $6,600 in 12 installments. Fees include online courses, field supervision, and other program-related costs.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

• Application fee ($95, nonrefundable)

• Textbook costs related to coursework

• Cost of TExES Principal as Instructional Leader (#268) ($200 and PASL $375)

• Application fee for intern principal certificate ($78—if required for position)

• Application fee for standard principal certificate ($78)

(All program fees are subject to change without notice.)