Graduate work in the Educational Leadership program encompasses two major career paths. The first path focuses on those who want to engage in a wide variety of leadership roles within and directly affecting schools and districts. These roles include, but are not limited to: teacher leadership, instructional leadership, principal leadership, and district-level leadership. This path may also lead to certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the principalship and/or a letter of endorsement in the superintendency. The second path focuses on those who want to exercise leadership roles in educational policy arenas and/or engage in educational research. Possible roles include: intermediate unit officials, state and federal agency administrators and staff, professors of educational administration, and research and development personnel. The Principle Certificate is also available at Penn State Harrisburg.

The Educational Leadership program offers degree programs in residence at the University Park campus, and also offers the M.Ed. program along with Principal Certificate and Teacher Leadership Certificate programs online through World Campus.