

# Board of Public Education/ OPI Internship

The **Board of Public Education/Office of Public Instruction BPE/OPI Internship** is designed for candidates who do not possess licensure as a K-12 Principal or Superintendent and who have been hired into a school leadership position requiring principal or superintendent licensure. The BPE/OPI Internship allows the candidate to properly hold a school leadership position while completing coursework to earn full licensure. To be eligible, a candidate must be already hired into a school leadership position and must sign an agreement between their school board trustees and MSU's Educational Leadership Program. The agreement stipulates that MSU will supervise the candidate while he/she completes coursework toward full licensure. There is an extra fee that the candidate or district pays directly to MSU for the supervision.

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## How to Apply

- Candidates who are accepted into the Board of Public Education/Office of Public Instruction BPE/OPI Internship must also apply for and be accepted into the Master of Education in Educational Leadership (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/education/med-leadership/>) or the School Superintendent Certificate (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/education/administrative-licensure/superintendent-certificate-program/#text>) program.
- Contact the Educational Leadership faculty to discuss the requirement for licensure.

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