The Program Course of Study for the Master of School Administration (MSA) degree is designed to prepare school leaders academically and professionally to advance the consciousness of social responsibility in a diverse and global society. Coursework emphasizes core functions of high achieving schools and the importance of deconstructing assumptions that are socio-culturally, ethically, economically, and politically adverse to students. MSA candidates are able to reconstruct those assumptions into positive educational experiences and outcomes for students. The program provides the contextual experiences needed to bridge the gap between research, theory, development, and practice. The MSA Program is aligned with the mission of North Carolina Central University, UNC Tomorrow’s goals, North Carolina Standards for School Executives, the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC), and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE): all of which serve as the template for the design of the Master of School Administration Program. The NCCU MSA program offers a variety of different tracks to accommodate the diverse needs of all candidates.

The Traditional Full Time Track (1st Master’s Degree) is designed for individuals seeking their first master’s degree. It is 45 credit hours, which requires 30 hours in the major (8 content courses and 2 research courses), 3 elective hours and 12 hours in a field-based, full-time internship and seminar. The yearlong field-based internship MUST be completed during the fall and spring semesters. Candidates can transfer up to 6 hours (2 classes) into the program toward the required credit hours. This track is completed in 24 months with full time enrollment during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Candidates who enroll in full-time study (9 credit hours during each semester) are eligible for the DPI stipend. This stipend offers candidates a paid stipend during the internship.

* Summer Enrollment: Traditional Track Full Time Candidates Are Advised to Take Research and Elective Courses During the Summer Sessions.
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