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Michelle Jones: Alright, we have some people at 6 o'clock, so we will get started. Let me share my screen.

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Michelle Jones: So, hello and welcome to the online principal preparation programs. I am Michelle Jones, I serve as the Student Success Specialist for this program, and I am here with Dr. Jeremy Coleman, who is the faculty member who will be presenting on several of the slides. So, we're both here to help answer any questions you may have today.

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Michelle Jones: Okay, so what we're going to cover today is we will talk about there is a fee waiver for attending this webinar, what Ball State University offers, what the MAE program looks like versus what the BLAD licensure program looks like, and I know Dr. Coleman will be able to kind of dive into more of what that looks like.

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Michelle Jones: Admission requirements and application deadlines to prepare for spring or if you're looking for a summer start, tuition costs and financial aid, the Federal Academic Alliance or who our faculty are, and then we'll have some time at the end in case you have questions and answers.

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Michelle Jones: And if you don't feel comfortable asking questions in the group setting, you will also have our contact so that you can reach out personally and ask questions that you may have.

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Michelle Jones: So, for today, the application waiver fee, you will use this text and this will also be emailed to you. If you're like, "I don't have pen and paper," you will have a copy of the waiver and a copy of this whole recording that will be emailed to you but it is EDAD/BLAD 10-21-25, and it will appear again at the end of the slideshow. So this is for attending this webinar. You will be eligible for the waiver and this can be used for Spring 2026, Summer 2026, and Fall 2026. So, if you're not sure if you're wanting to get started yet for spring, that waiver is still good for summer and fall.

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Michelle Jones: Okay and then as far as what Ball State University has to offer, I'm going to pass it over to Dr. Coleman to kind of start diving into what our programs look like.

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Jeremy Coleman: I was muted, sorry. Thank you, Dr. Jones. I want to enthusiastically welcome you to this portion and tell you that Ball State is proud to be the largest preparer of principles in the entire state of Indiana.

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Jeremy Coleman: We are proud of that. It means that we invest a lot of energy and attention to our program, and our graduates do really well and lead across the country, so this is something that we're really excited about. We have two programs. One is the MAE and then one is the... we call it BLAD program.

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Jeremy Coleman: And, the BLAD is building level administrative degree. So, it's about making sure that if you just want the licensure, you are part of the BLAD program but the MA, of course, is a master's and administration. So, those are two different paths, if you choose.

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Jeremy Coleman: I've just received a grant from Eli Lilly, which is, if you know this, they're one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. And we are proud to collaborate with school counseling programs and support what they do in preparing school counselors. So, another thing that we're very, very proud of.

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Jeremy Coleman: In our program, we have, many focuses that all revolve around school leadership but we're really excited that we have, pair leaders to be focused on social justice challenges and ethics. So this is important to us and we think the best leaders, the leaders who will guide schools in the 21st century, have to be grounded in that.

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Jeremy Coleman: One thing I will share is that our program provides flexibility. We have 100% asynchronous or online courses.

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Jeremy Coleman: And even within that structure, we have 8-week courses, we have 16-week courses so there's a number of ways that we accommodate busy professionals like yourself.

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Jeremy Coleman: We know that people have other pursuits but we still want your education, your experience to be rigorous and thorough. Speaking of that, our program is nationally ranked as recently as this year.

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Jeremy Coleman: By, education leadership program at Ball State University, ranked 13th in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, so we're really excited about that.

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Jeremy Coleman: If you want to do a deep dive into how we were awarded that, the rankings come from a number of factors. Faculty credentials, student engagement, reputation, etc. I can tell you that our program the faculty, we all have hands-on experience in the field.

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Jeremy Coleman: So we try to come at it from a experiential place. We know what the industry has been like. We try to prepare people to face those challenges that way.

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Jeremy Coleman: So on the slide here, there's an image of two of my colleagues, Dr. Schaefer and Dr. Cadell, two people who have had district experience on the right.

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Jeremy Coleman: Dr. Cadell, Dr. C, as they call him, has been a superintendent. On the left, Dr. Schaefer has been in central office, so they have a ton of experience.

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Jeremy Coleman: And this is just an example of the kind of people that you will be working with and learning with. It's important to know that your professors have experience and have insights that will help you. So that's important to say.

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Jeremy Coleman: But the MA Administration and Supervision degree, it's 36 hours. This is different from BLAD. BLAD's about 24 hours.

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Jeremy Coleman: But this is typically two and a half years from start to finish. You'll have courses offered in fall, spring, and summer. And if you have credits from another university, we'll take up to 9 hours of those.

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Jeremy Coleman: If you look here on the slide, we have a lot of great classes.

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Jeremy Coleman: I teach a couple of these and I think our courses do a good job of blending hands-on experience, project-type learning with theory. So keep that in mind as you consider us. You know, some programs are heavy on theory.

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Jeremy Coleman: But you want to make sure you get some hands-on practical experience to apply what you've learned. So, in that same vein, we offer two internship semesters and these are great because you work with an elementary or I should say the elementary level for one of your internships and then the second one is going to be secondary. This way, you're well-rounded and you've had experience in both. I know many people teach in the same grade their entire career before they become principals and let's say you were an elementary principal. That's all you've seen.

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Jeremy Coleman: Which is okay but as a leader, when you get this license, you're licensed K-12 so we expect you to have experience and we want to prepare you for what it's like being in secondary.

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Jeremy Coleman: So, this is a quick snapshot of the MAE. I mentioned BLAD building level admin license earlier, and this program is a little bit different. It's shorter, it's faster because you're not getting the master's degree, you're just getting the license.

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Jeremy Coleman: So this is only 24 credit hours, and again, this is all online, all asynchronous. This is about 16 months.

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Jeremy Coleman: So people like this because they may have a degree already, may have a master's already, they just want the license, and you have similar courses. I still have the internship, but you get this done a little bit faster. So, two pathways, the master's or the BLAD program.

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Jeremy Coleman: This is a really good graphic here, because I have a lot of people that come to our program and say, you know what, I'm really a good student, I can time manage very well.

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Jeremy Coleman: The question really is, how fast can I get this done? And look. You won't offend me. We understand.

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Jeremy Coleman: People have goals, they're ambitious, and they think about the bottom line. How fast can I do this? Well, the question then comes, how many courses can I take in one semester?

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Jeremy Coleman: So even if you think you could take four, we advise you not to take four.

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Jeremy Coleman: Two is about you know is a really good, sweet spot, especially if you have an internship. Now, in some cases, you can do three, but it depends on the course combination.

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Jeremy Coleman: As you see here, 3 courses, you got 600, 630 and 635. Those are all courses that are great, but that's not the internship.

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Jeremy Coleman: So my only advice would be you can take 3 courses but just, I wouldn't pair that with the internship so as you see here, there are multiple pathways to take to get your degree and get your licensure done.

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Michelle Jones: Thank you, Dr. Coleman. So, yeah, kind of going into the support aspect, as Dr. Coleman just talked about, like, how to plan out your courses, what are the recommended courses?

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Michelle Jones: As your Student Success Specialist, that's something that I do help you with a lot and I encourage the same. To reiterate what Dr. Coleman said like, I usually guide people to one and two courses. Sometimes doing those three when, how Dr. Coleman showed you, like, the two focus classes but then having one that extends the whole semester so you're never doing more than two courses that sometimes people will do 3 classes by doing it in that format.

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Michelle Jones: But we really want you to be successful and also, like Dr. Coleman mentioned, when you do your internship, that is your main focus so a lot of times people will pair one course with the internship but we really do not recommend more than that, because, while we want you to get through the program and we know you have goals outside of education, we want you to be successful and really get that, that knowledge, that curriculum.

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Michelle Jones: So, I am here to help you and I am your dedicated student success specialist so I help you with getting registered, you want to take a break from classes, you're having some kind of issue, you want to be connected to Disability Services, Learning Center, the University Libraries,

Writing Center, all of these things you have access to and I can be the person that helps you get connected there or explain the services a little bit more if you're like.

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Michelle Jones: I don't know if I really want to dive into the Writing Center but can we talk about it a little bit? So that's what I'm here for.

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Michelle Jones: I also have an online Canvas advising community so all of your courses will be on Canvas, but you will also be part of my Canvas community.

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Michelle Jones: And that's where I'm going to send out information and reminders to you, like it's time to get registered or it's time to apply to graduate if you're getting near the end, those kinds of things. You'll just look for those announcements, and you can also send me messages there. I'm available via phone, scheduled appointments but also you can email me or send me a message through Canvas so lots of ways

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Michelle Jones: to get ahold of us

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Michelle Jones: You also have access to the Career Center, Counseling Center and Multicultural Center and so again, like, you can go directly to those sources as a student but if you would like to be connected, I can also help you be connected to those entities.

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Michelle Jones: So, what are your admission requirements? You must have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, have at least 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale from the undergraduate degree-granting institution, or 9 credits or more of graduate coursework that comes at a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. And again, if you don't remember this, like I said, we're going to send this out or you can email me and I will reiterate all of this.

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Michelle Jones: You must hold a valid teaching or school counseling license, and you will provide us with transcripts from all institutions attended and that is in your application portal. And so when you go to apply, it would prompt you to do all these things.

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Michelle Jones: And then for BLAD, I know Dr. Coleman explained that BLAD is the licensure program so that is for students that already hold that master's degree and have 2 years of

experience with their teaching or school counseling license. So, a faster track because you've already gotten your master's degree.

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Michelle Jones: And then for spring, all application materials must be received by December 21st before midnight and so that's something to keep in mind.

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Michelle Jones: But if you're looking for a summer start, you have plenty of time. Those admission deadlines will be more like in April and then if you're looking at fall, you have plenty of time. Those admission deadlines are looking like end of July, early August. So, definitely can give you those specific dates when those are released.

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Michelle Jones: But if you are thinking about spring, I would put in my application as soon as possible because you have time but it's always great if you get your application in early so we can get you registered.

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Jeremy Coleman: Dr. Jones, I have a question for you.

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Michelle Jones: Yes?

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Jeremy Coleman: If you made this slide deck, I wonder where you found this picture and who that person is on that picture.

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Michelle Jones: Oh, yes!

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Michelle Jones: I did not make the slide deck but there you are on the slide.

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Jeremy Coleman: Listen, if anybody on this webinar is on the fence at all about school leadership at Ball State, I just want to say this. This was my last year as a principal, and I cannot tell you just how much fun I had, how much impact I had and just how fulfilling it was to lead a school. And I was really thoroughly prepared at Ball State.

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Jeremy Coleman: In fact, I did my undergraduate studies at Ball State, master's and my doc work so I am really excited to be a Cardinal, and I just want you to know that if you decide on this pathway, you will have a tremendous experience and you'll be prepared to lead school. So, thank you for this detour. I appreciate it.

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Michelle Jones: Yes, no, that was great. Thank you so much.

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Michelle Jones: And I know you probably are wondering how much this program will cost. So we do have Cardinal Central that helps with all the things financial aid, scholarships, grants, those kind of things.

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Michelle Jones: But looking at how much the program will cost, if you're an Indiana resident, it's \$489 per credit and keep in mind that classes are 3 credits each. Out of state would be \$721 per credit, and then there's that technology fee, depending on how many credits you're looking at.

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Michelle Jones: And so, there is, on the Ball State website, a calculator so you can put in, I think I want to be a student in the spring, and I think I want to take 6 credit hours. There's a calculator there that will show you your full tuition costs and those things. So, this is what the 2025-2026 academic year looks like, but like I said, the cost can be different depending on how many credits you are in. That changes the cost, as well as, technology fee.

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Michelle Jones: Okay and then, am I eligible to receive financial aid? So, please keep in mind, down here, the second bullet point, BLAD program is not eligible for financial aid so any kind of certification or licensures are not eligible for financial aid. It's only the degree earning program if you're looking at getting your master's, the MAE, then you are eligible for financial aid.

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Michelle Jones: And I mentioned our friends over at Cardinal Central. You can reach them via phone, email, you can go to the website, schedule an appointment, but they're the ones that will help you with how to fill out FAFSA and looking at what you would be eligible for. Again, you will be sent this recording but if you forget, you can always email me and I will connect you to Cardinal Central.

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Michelle Jones: So I'm going to pass it back over to Dr. Coleman for the next few slides.

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Jeremy Coleman: Thank you for that. The Federal Academic Alliance. So, we are a part of this alliance and the benefit is a reduced tuition rate if you enroll in online grad-level courses through Ball State, like the ones that we just talked about. A few things to keep in mind.

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Jeremy Coleman: Non-indiana people are welcome. Federal government retirees, welcome. Current federal government employees and their spouses and dependents, welcome.

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Jeremy Coleman: You can have a max of 12 credits per semester. GPA has to be above 3.0 within your first few courses. Typically, our courses are 3 credit hours so your first three and then beyond that, to continue receiving the discount. If you need more information.

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Jeremy Coleman: If my brief, very brief overview wasn't enough, go to www.bsu.edu/online/FAA.

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Jeremy Coleman: this is a really near and dear program to me, as I said earlier and... but not just me.

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Jeremy Coleman: I had classes with myself. Dr. Danny Barkey on your right, had classes with her. She's fantastic. She's done some amazing work, not only in school districts but as a consultant. I haven't had the pleasure of meeting the other Cardinal on my left. But, if you go to the website or you scan the QR code, you can listen to our videos.

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Jeremy Coleman: We just share what the program meant to us and how it has prepared us so if you just want a tidbit into what you can experience and what you can expect, I recommend listening to Anthony and Danny's videos. They're both really good faculty, you know?

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Jeremy Coleman: People are everything and I'm sure you understand this. Wherever you go, whatever program you have, the quality of the program is, I would say, directly proportional to the quality of people you have. So we have, some snapshots here. Our department chair, Dr. Saloon, is fantastic. In fact, she was my doctoral, chair, when I was going through the program, just a fantastic scholar and an even better person and the same can be said for everybody here. I mean.

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Jeremy Coleman: Each one of my colleagues have elevated my understanding of leadership. And that's great, because it gives me a chance to pass that along to students. And you're never quite done learning. You've heard the phrase, lifelong learner. Well, we embody that, because many

people on our faculty, they write on a regular basis, books, journal articles, and publications, because we're always learning and researching so we can become better teachers so you can become better practitioners.

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Jeremy Coleman: So, just a few great people here on the screen, and I'm sure if you join us on this journey, you'll meet, again, some more people here. Dr. Cooper's from Texas. Well, she's from Indiana but spent time in Texas so she brings a different perspective of education back home to us in Indiana.

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Jeremy Coleman: But like Dr. Cooper, each one of our faculty members has a way to explain things. They have a unique experience that will help you in your leadership journey. So that's why I just rave about my colleagues. They're all fantastic and I think you'll enjoy them as well.

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Jeremy Coleman: We have a really wonderful cadre of adjunct professors as well. If you are in the internship, you'll have a person assigned to you that will help you. And the one thing about this list, you can probably already tell.

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Jeremy Coleman: Everyone has great credentials, the doctorate but even more importantly, they have real-world practical experience. A lot of these people on this list have been superintendents so they've been leaders at the very top of the organization and they have wonderful experience and the best part about it is they're excited to be in relationship with students, and they want you to have the best experience possible.

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Jeremy Coleman: Not only our current faculty on the Ball State side of it but our adjunct professors and internship supervisors are just some of the best instructional leaders, some of the best business and finance leaders and they are excited to share that with you. So, I can't say enough about our staff.

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Michelle Jones: Perfect. Well, thank you, Dr. Coleman. So, please connect with us. I know, as Dr. Coleman mentioned, some of the faculty, like Dr. Julie Powell is the director of the MAE and BLAD program so I work heavily with her, on helping answer question so if, like Dr. Coleman mentioned earlier, sometimes people want to talk about transferring in some credits. We work with Dr. Powell for that.

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Michelle Jones: And then I am your student success specialist so I'm going to hang tight here with Dr. Coleman to help answer some questions that you may have but you may also want to just email me if you have questions and want to talk more privately or schedule an appointment, which you can schedule appointments without even applying. You can schedule and say, I just want to talk about what it would look like to do this program. What would a timeline be?

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Michelle Jones: I know we kind of mentioned it but I can sit on Zoom with you or we can do a phone call, whatever works, to help you feel more comfortable about making a decision.

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Michelle Jones: So, we are going to enter into a Q&A portion here so I'll stop sharing my screen so I can actually see when you guys ask questions but there again is that application fee waiver text that I mentioned.

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Michelle Jones: EDAD/BLAD webinar 10-21-25, but that will be emailed to you, and you will also get this recording, so do not worry about losing that text.

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Jeremy Coleman: I saw that question so I hope Ebenezer has the proper answer so that's good. Thank you for addressing that, Dr. Jones.

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Michelle Jones: Perfect. Okay, got it, because I know when I'm sharing my screen, I can't always see the questions so...

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Jeremy Coleman: That was the question. How can I get the application fee waiver? And you just went over that again, about the email. So that's perfect.

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Michelle Jones: Good. Other questions that you may have?

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Jeremy Coleman: That's the only question I saw but maybe somebody wants to come off mute and just share or type it into the... Let's see...

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Jeremy Coleman: Yep, that's the only one I see.

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Michelle Jones: Okay, if there aren't any questions from today's webinar, that's totally fine.

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Jeremy Coleman: Yeah so, Ebenezer, thank you for the question. It says, can you repeat, there were network issues. So the question again is about the application fee waiver.

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Michelle Jones: Yes, so the application fee waiver, you will be emailed the text, you will also be emailed a copy of this presentation but it is EJAD, E-D-A-D / BLAD webinar 10-21-25

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Michelle Jones: And so I can see Dr. Coleman's typing that in too so you have it as well. But like I said, you will get a follow-up email tomorrow with that.

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Jeremy Coleman: Oh, another question. How was the application process for international students?

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Michelle Jones: Yes so we have had some international students, and I don't know if Dr. Coleman has more to say on that but it looks pretty much the same. You can use that fee waiver. Really, from my standpoint, what I do is I help connect you to Dr. Cadell, who is the internship coordinator, because we just want to make sure that the internship is going to work well for you and that you have a place to do it and it meets all the requirements. As far as when I work with you, that's kind of what I help connect you with.

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Jeremy Coleman: Yeah and listen, if it's not a... if I'm saying it wrong, I do apologize but listen, you being an international student, what I want to tell you is this: the experiences and the lived occurrences that you bring to me, are important so I welcome you to the Ball State community, the Ball State family. We need people to have a diverse set of experiences and the way they see the world, because education is global.

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Jeremy Coleman: We are based in Muncie, Indiana but we want to prepare leaders to lead globally so if this is something that's interesting to you, we welcome you and I encourage you to apply and become a part of it, because we love to have international perspectives to help solve national problems so I hope that you feel the love and you feel the welcoming spirit in that.

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Jeremy Coleman: Jacob, if I were to get a master's in music ed or general ed, would the BLAD course allow me to still be able to be an administrator if my plans change down the line? I'll take that. So you have a master's in music ed or general ed, then you do the BLAD course and you get your license. The answer is... well, the question is, could you be an admin down the line? Yes, because you'll have the degree.

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Jeremy Coleman: And then at some point, you'll take the actual test. And we prepare you. Our pass rate is really, really high, I must tell you. I know I was prepared after I was in the program. I passed on the first try and I think you will too so the answer is yes.

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Jeremy Coleman: It's something that, once you have it and you pass the test, you are a licensed administrator. But here's what I'll tell you. If you practice in Indiana, our system requires you to recertify after a certain time. Now, I think for me, my initial license was for a year, then I had to get recertified and then it was for 5 years but it could have changed by now.

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Jeremy Coleman: I'm just telling you that the answer is yes, that's the short answer. The long answer is it's a little bit more nuanced with how long you can keep it without renewing it. Dr. Jones, do you want to add anything to what I just said?

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Michelle Jones: Oh, that was great, yes. Like you said, having that master's makes you eligible for the BLAD course and of course, then will allow some doors to open up later on.

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Jeremy Coleman: Yeah. Lucy, how does the internship work? How long does it last?

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Jeremy Coleman: Dr. Jones, if you don't mind, I'll take this one too.

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Michelle Jones: Yeah.

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Jeremy Coleman: Okay, the internship is fantastic. Okay, it is a semester. It is fall or it is spring, and the way it works is beautiful. We have something called NELP standards, N-E-L-P.

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Jeremy Coleman: And they're a national set of standards that every administrator needs to have an understanding of and be able to execute. So, the internship allows you to take each of the seven NELP standards and create a project that's going to not only help the school but help your leadership ability.

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Jeremy Coleman: So you pick a project, you complete the project and you do one for each of the seven standards. Now, NELP one and three are combined but it's a beautiful way to get practical experience, and when you're done with your internship, you will feel so much more accomplished, because you have a tangible product.

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Jeremy Coleman: You know you've done the work, you've collaborated with school leadership, you've collaborated with your supervisor, your internship coordinator and you've done some quality work. So, Lucy, I hope that answers your question.

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Jeremy Coleman: It is a collaborative approach with people at Ball State and the school you're at. It lasts the entire semester and you cover the seven NELP standards.

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Michelle Jones: Yeah, it's great.

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Jeremy Coleman: Nana, if I'm standing wrong, please just type it in the chat. I hope that's right. But her question is, could one still apply as an international student without the teaching experience?

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Jeremy Coleman: So this is where... okay, there's a technical answer.

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Jeremy Coleman: And then there's an answer that I'm going to give. Dr. Jones, maybe you can share the technical answer but I'll say this. There's a great benefit to teaching first before you lead a school.

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Jeremy Coleman: I'm not saying it hasn't happened that way, where someone never taught, became a principal, because I'm sure it has.

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Jeremy Coleman: But we like people who have the practical experience of being, you know, school or school adjacent so they can understand and then become a leader. But that's just my take on it. Dr. Jones, if you want to add the technical part, there may be a way to do it but I'm just unsure.

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Michelle Jones: So, as far as the admissions requirement, you have to have a valid teaching license and have held it for 2 years.

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Michelle Jones: That doesn't say that you've had to actively teach for 2 years so maybe you've taught for a year or maybe you never taught but you got your license. You have to have an active teaching license, and had it for 2 years.

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Michelle Jones: So that is part of the admissions requirement. But also agree with Dr. Coleman, I think it would be really great to have that classroom experience before leading others.

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Jeremy Coleman: And listen, we take each application on a case-by-case. So, maybe there's some things about you that I don't know that make your experience unique and different. So I still encourage you to apply.

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Jeremy Coleman: Because you may have a situation that warrants or that merits, you know, entry and that's great. I don't want to discourage you from that, but I just know that we there's a different perspective when you talk. So yeah, keep asking questions, though. Yes.

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Michelle Jones: And if you don't have an active teaching license, we also have online programs for that. So, I often do get emails from people who say they're interested in the MAE or BLAD program but they don't have their teaching license yet. I can connect you to the program at Ball State that helps you get your valid teaching license and then you can transition into the MAE slash BLAD program. So, that's something to keep in mind, too, that I get a lot of questions about.

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Jeremy Coleman: Yeah. Amidu, and if I'm saying it wrong, please slap my hand in the chat.

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Jeremy Coleman: Will the fee waiver work until applications are closed, or is there a limited time period? So this is a fee-waiver question, Dr. Jones.

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Michelle Jones: Yes so the fee waiver is active to apply for Spring 2026

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Michelle Jones: Summer 2026 and Fall 2026 so it would be expiring, in August of 2026. So, if you want to start any of those three semesters, this is active. Also keep in mind that maybe you don't want to start, for another couple years. We do these webinars and so you can always join another webinar to get another code so that's something to keep in mind.

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Jeremy Coleman: Great. Great questions so far. Keep asking away. Lucy.

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Jeremy Coleman: You're more than welcome. You had text-to-speech at your last school, can you get the same at BSU?

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Jeremy Coleman: We certainly are aware of students and accommodations, and we'd love to make that happen for you. In fact, we have a whole department dedicated to services. What you all you have to do is work with the office.

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Jeremy Coleman: They let every professor you have know that you need text-to-speech. Once we're notified, we make it happen. So, absolutely, you can get that at Ball State University, and thank you for sharing that.

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Michelle Jones: Perfect. Okay, how does one, the system know that one has joined the webinar? Great question. So, we do have record of who attended but you get that unique code, the EDAD slash BLAD webinar 1021-25, which will be emailed to you so you will see it, like, bold in your email. You will also get a copy of this whole video webinar.

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Michelle Jones: And we talk about the fee waiver in the beginning and in the end so you will have access to that webinar code. And if for some reason you can't find it and you attended, you reach out to us and we have record that you attended and we'll help you out. Great questions! Any other questions?

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Michelle Jones: And like I said, if you don't feel comfortable asking your question here, you can always shoot us an email and we'll get back to you, but let's see if any other questions pop up.

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Michelle Jones: Okay, oh, let's see.

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Michelle Jones: Do you need to schedule a meeting to register? So, you do not have to have a meeting with me but I am available for meetings, but I can accommodate however you prefer to communicate. So, some people prefer to communicate over email to talk about what courses to register for. I can absolutely do that but we can also have an appointment where we sit over Zoom or it can be a phone call on a time that works well for you to kind of talk about what spring would look like and beyond so we can kind of plan out a little further ahead as well.

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Michelle Jones: So, you don't have to have one but I am available for that and I love getting to know you all. So, definitely would encourage you to schedule a meeting and just, we can get a plan of attack for the whole program. So, really glad that you're already accepted for spring. That's so exciting, Lucy. Perfect.

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Michelle Jones: Okay, if there's no more questions, we're going to go ahead and end this webinar but like I said, you will be emailed tomorrow with the recording of the webinar, as well as additional information on how to apply and with that webinar code, the application fee waiver so you want to make sure that you use that but like I said, it is good for Spring 2026, Summer 2026 and Fall 2026 so you're not going to lose that fee waiver. And we also offer webinars every month so if you have, people you'd like to join in or you have more questions, you can always join in again, but you can also reach out to me.

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Michelle Jones: Let's see...

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Michelle Jones: That, I am not quite sure but on our Ball State website, it would talk about all the programs in which we offer for the different levels of degree earning. So, I know sometimes we get some different interests.

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Jeremy Coleman: Actuarial science sounds really cool and best of luck if that's your topic of interest. And if you do study that, shoot me an email and explain to me what it is that people do with that, because I've never heard of it.

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Jeremy Coleman: I know about it, but I just can't get anybody to tell me what you actually do, so if that does happen, shoot me an email. I'd love to hear more about it.

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Michelle Jones: Yes, so sorry we can't speak to that. We really just work with the MAE and BLAD program here, but there are many Ball State professionals that could help answer more of those kind of questions or reach out to admissions directly and they would be more prompt to be able to talk to you about it.

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Michelle Jones: Okay. Well, thank you so much, everyone, for joining and being so interactive. It was great to have questions and spend time with you tonight. Like I said, you will get that recording and you will get our contact information so please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything, want to talk about it, schedule a meeting, all those kind of things, we are available to you.

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Michelle Jones: I hope you have a great night!