

## About the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education

The University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education (Penn GSE) is one of the world's leading schools in education research and is consistently ranked one of the best graduate schools of education in the country by U.S. News & World Report. The School drives innovation through research and initiatives that are aimed at preparing and sustaining a diverse workforce and elevating education's role within a democratic society. Penn GSE partners with schools, universities, and communities to expand educational access — especially for those underserved by society — and, through rigorous research and innovative programs, develops new knowledge and transformational teachers and leaders in pursuit of educational opportunity.

## Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Education for Administrators

Despite AI's potential to revolutionize teaching and learning, most school systems are tentative on how to approach it. Barriers include uncertainty about AI's impact on students, limited guidance from leadership, and the overwhelming volume of rapidly evolving information. Educators are often left feeling unequipped to navigate this new terrain.

To support school districts at the earliest stages of AI adoption, Penn GSE is excited to launch a foundational course designed specifically for district administrators. This program serves as a first step toward envisioning a future where AI enhances teaching and learning. The program is tailored for those just beginning their journey—providing essential insights and practical guidance to understand AI's potential. The program aims to help administrators and senior-level leaders prepare their districts and systems for the transformative power of AI while building a thoughtful and informed approach to implementation.

The program is fully online, with three live virtual sessions to foster real-time interaction and collaborative problem-solving over the course of a week. In addition to live sessions, the program will provide access to curated materials, essential readings, and recorded mini-lectures that participants can view at their own pace. This blended approach ensures participants can learn from both expert facilitators and peers while accommodating their schedules.

If your district or system already has well-developed policies, guidelines, or frameworks in place, this program may not provide the level of depth you need, and is designed to be most beneficial to those in the earlier stages of implementation.