

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Courses

EDA 505. Educational Leadership. 3 Hours

This course explores leadership and change in educational and organizational contexts, focusing on K-12, higher education, student affairs, and literacy environments. Through the lens of multiple leadership and organizational theories, students will learn to develop inclusive learning communities, foster professional development, and effectively lead organizational change.

EDA 507. Internship I. 3 Hours

This course provides opportunities for the student to experience professional responsibilities. Emphasis is placed on practicing the skills learned in the master's program, receiving feedback on efforts, and relating practice to theory.

EDA 509. Supervision & Professional Development. 3 Hours

This course in the theory and practice of supervision is designed to explore essential concepts and skills necessary in providing leadership in the area of formative and summative evaluation for the improvement of teaching and learning. Emphasis will be placed on concepts and means of the scholar-practitioner providing leadership in the supervisory task areas and building learning communities through critical reflection.

EDA 510. Instructional Leadership. 3 Hours

The course focus is on developing knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values essential in helping others to expand/refine their instructional effectiveness. Emphasis is placed on helping teachers use alternating models of instruction, diagnosing learner needs, prescribing appropriate learner instructional strategies, and accommodating learner needs based upon the concept of diversity.

EDA 511. Curriculum. 3 Hours

The focus of this course is on the development of an understanding of the history, purposes, and practices of the school curriculum. Within the course, emphasis is placed on helping students personally integrate the scholarly and practical dimensions and on demonstrating that integration.

EDA 515. School Law. 3 Hours

This course addresses legal issues pertinent to teacher, administrator, and student legal rights and responsibilities in the school building. The legal process, structures of the law, legislation/litigation, and practices to avoid legal infringements are addressed.

EDA 551. Research. 3 Hours

This course will equip teachers and leaders with the tools of research. Emphasis will be placed on becoming frequent and knowledgeable users of research on leadership, literacy, and higher education student affairs. Students will develop skills in critiquing research, and applying the tools of research to address issues that they may face in their profession.

EDA 555. Community Relations for Leadership. 3 Hours

This course is designed to assist teachers and leaders in refining their communication skills and political understanding. Provisions are made for developing guidelines, techniques, and practices that facilitate professional relationships with stakeholders in various relevant settings.

EDA 556. Leadership in Diverse Communities. 3 Hours

This course will promote understanding of differences across social identities. Students will consider the implications of these differences for leadership in the professional setting. Emphasis will be on promoting understanding of diversity within learning organizations.

EDA 557. School Finance. 3 Hours

This course addresses topics such as equity, adequacy, efficiency in school funding; local, state, and federal funding sources; funding methods; and budgeting emphasizing features unique to Ohio.

EDA 607. Internship II. 3 Hours

The internship is intended to provide the participant an opportunity to relate the coursework, research, simulation, and independent study in which he/she has engaged to actual problems encountered in administering the elementary or secondary school building/program.

EDA 611. Assessment & Instruction for School Improvement. 3 Hours

This course focuses on the role of educational leaders with setting and attaining high academic goals for the primary purpose of maximized student learning outcomes, thus improving the practices of instruction and assessment. Educational leaders need an understanding of the best practices for enhancing teaching, curriculum, supervision, assessment and professional development. Educational leaders also need to know how to collect, interpret and analyze what's been assessed and to use this data with reporting to various constituents of the learning community. The focus of this course is the integration of theory with the practices of instruction and assessment for improving the teaching/learning process.

EDA 614. Topics in Education. 1-6 Hours

This course serves as a vehicle for credit-bearing workshops and professional development courses offered through UD in partnership with local, statewide, and regional organizations. It is a variable-topic workshop to accommodate these diverse needs.

EDA 626. Staff Personnel. 3 Hours

This course emphasizes the systematic selection, evaluation, assignment and development of both professional and classified school personnel. Scholar-practitioners participating in this class will develop an understanding of the associated task areas.

EDA 654. School Finance. 3 Hours

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EDA 655. Principalship. 3 Hours

This course centers on the application of leadership and management principles to the elementary, middle, and secondary school settings. Emphases include developing vision and mission statements, reflecting on the leadership role of the principal, and reviewing the process for the daily administration of the total school program.

EDA 710. Curriculum Evaluation & Instruction. 3 Hours

This course is designed to refine participant understanding of the realms of meaning, characteristics of effective programs, research findings on effective instruction, and curriculum management.

EDA 711. Curriculum Development & Leadership. 3 Hours

The major focus of the course will be how an educational leader at the district level designs and implements curriculum based upon philosophical, psychological, and historical underpinnings of curriculum theory. A recurring focus in the course is the relationship of practice and scholarship and practice and theory as the educational leader creates a learning community.

EDA 712. Program & Staff Development. 3 Hours

This course is designed to strengthen student competence with program development and evaluation processes. Major emphasis is focused on staff development planning, program implementation, and program assessment.

EDA 718. Superintendency. 3 Hours

This course addresses the duties and responsibilities of central office administrators, especially those of the superintendent. Emphasis is placed on board of education relations, communication, and an analysis of the political structures within which the superintendent operates.

EDA 733. Internship III. 3 Hours

This internship provides significant opportunities for candidates to synthesize and apply the knowledge and practice and develop the skills identified in the ELCC standards through, substantial, sustained, standards-based work in real setting, planned and guided cooperatively by the institution and school district personnel. This course is intended to provide the participants with an opportunity to relate the coursework, research, simulation, and independent study in which they have engaged in real problems encountered in administration, supervision and instructional programs primarily in a district level/central office setting.

EDA 759. Law of Special Education. 3 Hours

A review of pertinent legislation and litigation and litigation impacting on the rights of parents, students, and teachers involved in the process of providing a free appropriate public education for children with disabilities. Emphasis is placed on how teachers can, through an understanding of the law, facilitate active parent participation in the developmental progress of students. Teachers' specific responsibilities are described in relation to current requirements for development of appropriate educational programs.

EDA 760. Seminar: District Level Management. 3 Hours

This course is intended to provide the participants with the knowledge and understanding of practical issues necessary for school superintendents to successfully manage a school district. These issues include matters relevant to managing a school district as an organization, managing the various operational components of the district, and managing district resources. Prerequisite(s): Admitted to Superintendent licensure program or permission of department chairperson.

EDA 761. Seminar: District Level Leadership. 3 Hours

This course addresses current topics related to district level issues including curriculum and instruction leadership (planning, goals, alignment, staff development), technology, accreditation, staff-personnel (hiring and supervision of district and building level administrators), community partnerships, capacity building, contract issues, ethics, and legal issues (focusing on special education) appropriate to each section along with other related areas associated with successful instructional leadership at the district level. Emphasis is placed on meeting the needs of each group of students in the district and the relationships that must be developed in order to achieve these ends.

EDA 762. Seminar: Policy, Politics & Decision Making. 3 Hours

The curriculum is both explanatory and exploratory and includes the following general topics: recommending, enforcing, and evaluating school district policy; political dimensions of district administration in the context of representative democracy; and, the application of problem solving and decision making paradigms in district administration. Focused attention is given to local stakeholder involvement in policy development and problem solving.

EDA 807. EDS Project Seminar. 3 Hours

Completion of the research project is an integral part of this degree program. Students earn three semester hours of credit for the completion of their research project. This project will relate to the individual's coursework, interest, and work responsibilities.

EDA 810. Curriculum Evaluation & Instruction. 3 Hours

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EDA 833. Internship III. 3 Hours

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EDA 851. Research. 3 Hours

This course is designed to provide practical application and issues in research as they relate to the educational leader. The objective of the course is the development of a proposal to conduct a research project which the student will finish prior to completion of the Educational Specialist degree program.

EDA 852. Assessment & Instruction for School Improvement. 3 Hours

This course focuses on the role of educational leaders with setting and attaining high academic goals for the primary purpose of maximized student learning outcomes, thus improving the practices of instruction and assessment. Educational leaders need an understanding of the best practices for enhancing teaching, curriculum, supervision, assessment and professional development. Educational leaders also need to know how to collect, interpret and analyze what's been assessed and to use this data with reporting to various constituents of the learning community. The focus of this course is the integration of theory with the practices of instruction and assessment for improving the teaching/learning process.

EDA 855. Legal Issues in School Leadership. 3 Hours

This course addresses the statutes and judicial decisions which relate to schools and the responsibilities of boards of education, teachers, and administrators. Emphasis is placed on understanding the legal framework as it relates to providing quality education.

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