

Specialist: Teacher Leadership (Ed.S.) (Online)

The Specialist in Teacher Leadership is a 30-credit hour online specialist degree program for those who are interested in improving their teaching and leadership skills.

This program is ideal for teachers who have a strong belief in continuous school improvement and a deep desire to become a transformational teacher leader. Graduates are enabled to hold various teacher leader positions in the district.

Students will select one of five concentration areas of leadership:

/ Operations Specialist: focus on financial management and leadership, school plant planning and operations, communications and public relations, food service, and safety

/ Curriculum and Data Specialist: focus on curriculum development and alignment at the district level, data for school improvement, innovation in instructional practices, interventions for diverse populations, professional development

/ Instructional Technology Specialist: focus on trends in instructional technology, designing instruction for online learning, integrating technology into teaching in the elementary and secondary classroom, leadership in instructional technology in the district

/ Human Resource Specialist: staffing analysis, hiring and termination practices, mentoring, evaluations, benefits, HR management

/ Instructional Coach: focus on helping teachers develop their skill set in curriculum, instruction, and assessment, focus on professional development, focus on mentoring

The innovative curriculum is designed and taught in 8-week sessions with a 6-hour internship conducted in the student's school district.

Scholarships and graduate assistantships are available for both 1st year and 2nd year graduate students.

Becoming Career Ready...

- /* Students complete 30 hours of specialist level courses in 5 semesters.
- /* Students complete internship experience in their districts.
- /* Students participate in an innovative project-based learning curriculum.
- /* Students engage in productive learning relationships with other students from a variety of districts.
- /* Students become transformative leaders who develop high quality programs to inspire, empower and prepare students to succeed.

Career Planning

The Specialist in Teacher Leadership Program prepares students to work in leadership roles in schools and school districts. While enhancing the instructional and leadership skillset, the Teacher Leadership Program prepares students for non-certificated administration roles such as directors and coordinators of various operations in districts.

This program does not include principal or superintendent certification.

Admission Requirements

- 1.** A graduate GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- 2.** A master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. The master's degree must be appropriate to the student's educational objective.
- 3.** A valid professional teaching certificate

NOTE: This program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure and/or certification in Missouri. Please consult our State Authorization webpage, to determine information specific to your state:
<https://app.semo.edu/genl/distancelearningcompliance/DistLearnComp.aspx>.

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The degree program is designed to be completed in five semesters including summer. Students should contact an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress. Students may begin the degree during any semester, including the spring or summer.

Degree Guide

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Required Courses – 30 hours

The following courses are required. Students are responsible for determining when these courses are offered and registering before published deadlines.

- ___ EA709 Leadership and Communications (3)
- ___ EA710 Leading District Improvement (3)
- ___ EA718 Instructional Leadership Strategies II (3)
- ___ EA721 Data Driven Leadership for School Improvement (3)
- ___ EA722 Equity in Educational Leadership Practices (3)
- ___ EA727 Curriculum Development and Alignment (3)
- ___ EA730 Internship I (Field Experience) (3)
- ___ EA731 Internship II (Field Experience) (3)
- ___ EA737 Administration of Curriculum (3)
- ___ EA755 Ethics, Law, and Policy (3)

Internship I & II - Each internship is 112 hours for a combined 224 hours. The intent is for the candidate to gain relevant experience in school/ district/institution leadership by observing and assisting district/school level teacher leaders and/or administrators in the exercises of the role.

All courses are taught online with the 6 hours of internship conducted in the student's school district. Students can typically complete the program in 5 semesters.

Degree Requirements

The degree requirements in Teacher Leadership are based on the Teacher Leader Model Standards:
https://www.ets.org/s/education_topics/teaching_quality/pdf/teacher_leader_model_standards.pdf

SAMPLE ROTATION

Students starting Fall 2021

Semester	Course
Fall 2021	EA 722 Equity in Educational Leadership Practices EA 737 Administration of Curriculum
Spring 2022	EA 718 Instructional Leadership Strategies EA 727 Curriculum Development & Alignment
Summer 2022	EA721 Data Driven Leadership for School Improvement EA 755 Ethics, Law, and Policy
Fall 2022	EA 710 Leading District Improvement EA 730 Internship I for TL: Specialist
Spring 2023	EA 709 Leadership & Communications EA 731 Internship II for TL: Specialist

Students starting Spring 2022

Semester	Course
Spring 2022	EA 718 Instructional Leadership Strategies EA 727 Curriculum Development & Alignment
Summer 2022	EA721 Data Driven Leadership for School Improvement EA 755 Ethics, Law, and Policy
Fall 2022	EA 710 Leading District Improvement EA 722 Equity in Educational Leadership Practices
Spring 2023	EA 709 Leadership & Communications EA 730 Internship I for TL: Specialist
Summer 2023	EA 737 Administration of Curriculum EA 731 Internship II for TL: Specialist

Students starting Summer 2022

Semester	Course
Summer 2022	EA721 Data Driven Leadership for School Improvement EA 755 Ethics, Law, and Policy
Fall 2022	EA 710 Leading District Improvement EA 722 Equity in Educational Leadership Practices
Spring 2023	EA 718 Instructional Leadership Strategies EA 727 Curriculum Development & Alignment
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Students starting Fall 2022

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Fall 2022	EA 710 Leading District Improvement EA 722 Equity in Educational Leadership Practices
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