

The Specialist in Teacher Leadership is an online specialist degree program for those who are interested in improving their teaching and leadership skills and who have a strong belief in continuous school improvement and a deep desire to become a transformational teacher leader. This program allows candidates to hold various teacher leader positions in the district.

The Specialist in Teacher Leadership is a 30-hour Online Degree focused on five areas of leadership:

- / Operations Specialist
- / Curriculum and Data Specialist
- / Instructional Technology Specialist
- / Human Resource Specialist
- / Instructional Coach

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...

- / Complete 30 hours of specialist level courses in 5 semesters
- / Complete internship experience in your district
- / Participate in an innovative project-based learning curriculum
- / Engage in productive learning relationships with students from a variety of districts
- / 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

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

1. A graduate GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
2. A valid teaching certificate

### Degree Requirements

The Specialist degree in Teacher Leadership is a 30-hour program that prepares students to take on leadership roles at the building and district level while enhancing their skill set as an instructional leader. 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.

### Program Plan for Specialist in Teacher Leadership

#### Required Courses – 30 hours

All of the following courses are required. It is the student's responsibility to determine when these courses are offered and register before published deadlines.

- \_\_EA 709 Leadership and Communications (3)
- \_\_EA 716 Innovative Practices in Teacher Leadership (3)
- \_\_EA 718 Instructional Leadership Strategies II (3)
- \_\_EA 721 Data Driven Leadership for School Improvement (3)
- \_\_EA 722 Equity in Educational Leadership Practices (3)
- \_\_EA 727 Curriculum Development and Alignment (3)
- \_\_EA 730 Internship I (Field Experience) (3)
- \_\_EA 731 Internship II (Field Experience) (3)
- \_\_EA 737 Administration of Curriculum (3)
- \_\_EA 755 Ethics, Law, & Policy (3)

The degree requirements in Teacher Leadership are based on the Teacher Leader Model Standards.

<http://www.teacherleaderstandards.org/>

### Sample Rotation

#### Students beginning Summer 2019

Summer 2019	EA 709 Leadership & Communications EA 737 Administration of Curriculum
Fall 2019	EA 722 Equity in Educational Leadership Practices EA 743 Data for Continuous Improvement
Spring 2020	EA 718 Instructional Leadership Strategies EA 755 Ethics, Law, and Policy
Summer 2020	EA 710 Leading District Improvement EA 730 Internship for TL I: Specialist
Fall 2020	EA 727 Curriculum Development and Alignment EA 731 Internship for TL II: Specialist

#### Students starting in Fall 2019

Fall 2019	EA 722 Equity in Educational Leadership Practices EA 721 Data for Continuous Improvement
Spring 2020	EA 709 Leadership & Communications EA 718 Instructional Leadership Strategies
Summer 2020	EA 710 Leading District Improvement EA 737 Administration of Curriculum
Fall 2020	EA 755 Ethics, Law, and Policy EA 730 Internship for TL I: Specialist
Spring 2021	EA 727 Administration of Curriculum EA 731 Internship for TL II: Specialist

\*The program plan is based on the 2019-2020 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. Students may begin the degree during any semester, including the Spring or Summer.

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