Specialist: Teacher Leadership (Online)

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.*