Do You Aspire To Be an Equity-Driven School Leader Responsible For Empowering Learners? Let Us Prepare You!

Engaged, inspired, and successful learners are those who see connections between their academic and personal performance as a student and their educational, civic, social, and familial aspirations and responsibilities.

An equity-driven school leader insists that gaps in learning opportunities are eliminated by creating the conditions necessary for all students to set goals and achieve in school and in life.

They ask themselves these questions to stimulate thought and provoke action:

1. Do our stakeholders (including students) feel informed, valued, and engaged in creating conditions for all students to aspire and achieve in school and in life?

2. Do my words and behavior as a school leader build trust and communicate, model, and promote our shared vision of engaged, inspired, and successful learners?

3. Is our student body fully composed of engaged, inspired, and successful learners who are able to perform at the ambitious academic levels needed to succeed in school and community?

Program Overview

To help you become a leader in your school community, we’ve created the Online Preliminary Administrative Services Credential program. This online leadership program is designed to provide you with the educational leadership skills and knowledge you need to pass the California Administrator Performance Assessment, leading to licensure in the State of California.

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Online Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

Program Benefits

- 1 year program (3 semesters, 29 units each)
- Fully online and self-directed classes
- Manageable program schedule and course load for working adults
- Internationally acclaimed program faculty who are both educational leaders, teacher scholars, and active practitioners
- Cohort-based model — get support from your classmates throughout the program
- Readily-available program support systems for academic success

Admission Requirements

- A valid California clear or life teaching credential requiring a bachelor’s degree and a program of professional preparation, including student teaching; or
- A valid California clear or life Designated Subjects Teaching Credential, provided the holder also possesses a bachelor’s or higher degree from a regionally-accredited college or university or
- A valid clear or life California Pupil Personnel Services Credential, Teacher Librarian Services Credential, Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential, Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential, or a School Nurse Services Credential, requiring a bachelor’s degree and a program of professional preparation, including field practice or the equivalent.
- Verification of passing CBEST scores or basic skills test
- 5 years of work experience in your credentialed field by the time of program completion (must be currently working)
- Recommendation from site supervisor to be submitted through program application

Required Courses

- EDL 630 School Improvement Leadership | 3 Units
- EDL 650 Professional Growth Leadership | 3 Units
- EDL 680 Seminar: Evidence-Based Leadership | 2 Units
- EDL 640 Community Leadership | 3 Units
- EDL 600 Organizational and System Leadership | 3 Units
- EDL 610 Visionary Leadership | 3 Units
- EDL 655 Communication, Problem-Solving and Decision Making in PK-12 Systems | 3 Units
- EDL 652 Instructional Improvement Leadership | 3 Units
- EDL 660 Field Experience (Taken twice, once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester; 3 units each) | 6 Units

Program Cost

$524/Unit
$15,200

Application Deadlines

- Cal State Apply Application: Nov. 1
- Program Application: Nov. 15
- Official Transcripts: Nov. 15

Financial Aid

To begin the financial aid process, visit SDSU’s Financial Aid Webpage. This will give you online access to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If you have any questions regarding the financial aid process, please call on weekdays from 10 am–3 pm at (619) 594-6323 or visit go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/financialaid/.

Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid as soon as possible.

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