EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (EDLD)

EDLD 504 Best Practices in Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction3 Credits
This class will focus on the best practices effective schools use in the areas of curriculum, assessment, and instruction. The alignment of these three areas is critical to the development and sustainability of an effective standards-based educational system that is equitable for all learners. Major topics include curriculum theory, assessment for and of learning, quality assessment techniques, instructional strategies aligned to curriculum taught and monitored, and effective interventions and differentiated instructional practices.
Prerequisites: Current teaching certificate, acceptance into EDLD program.

EDLD 505 Reform and Organizational Change in Education2 Credits
Social and political assumptions underlying current efforts towards curriculum and instructional reform in elementary and secondary schools. Study of planning and evaluation in schools and school districts including strategic planning, effectiveness and curriculum audits, facility planning, and program planning and evaluation.
Prerequisites: Current teaching certificate, acceptance into EDLD program.

EDLD 515 Dynamic School Leadership in a Democratic Society: Introduction to School Administration2 Credits
Study of the nature of educational leadership, administration, and management with reference to current practice at the school building level. Attention will be given to administrative theory and practice, philosophy, and organizational development. Through the examination of leadership, organizational and change models, students will learn how to analyze their school or district using political, structural, human resources and cultural frames.
Prerequisites: Current teaching certificate, acceptance into EDLD program.

EDLD 520A Principalship II2 Credits
This introductory course will engage students in developing a comprehensive understanding of the role of the principal as instructional leader and change agent in today's PK-12 schools. Students will be introduced to the skill set needed to be an effective instructional leader and the knowledge base outlined in the Colorado Standards for the licensure of school principals. The historical role of the school principal will be compared and contrasted with the current demands of the modern school principal.
Prerequisites: Current teaching certificate, acceptance into EDLD program.

EDLD 520B Principalship II2 Credits
This introductory course will engage students in developing a comprehensive understanding of the role of the principal as instructional leader and change agent in today's PK-12 schools. Students will be introduced to the skill set needed to be an effective instructional leader and the knowledge base outlined in the Colorado Standards for the licensure of school principals. The historical role of the school principal will be compared and contrasted with the current demands of the modern school principal.
Prerequisites: EDLD 520A, current teaching certificate, and acceptance into EDLD program.

EDLD 530 Legal Aspects of School Administration: Educational Policy and the Law2 Credits
Study of the relationship between politics, policy and governance of schools, including political systems, inter-governmental relations, power and conflict, and policy development regarding equity, quality and efficiency. While statutory and case law serve as the reference points for study and discussion, the primary objective is to gain an understanding of the relationship between the legal issues of education and the implications for administrative leadership.
Prerequisites: Current teaching certificate, acceptance into EDLD program.

EDLD 531 School Finance and Budgeting1 Credit
This course focuses on the role of leaders as orchestrators of business operations of the school and the guardian of business decisions that maximize instructional effectiveness and achievement of organizational goals. Advanced study of the financial structure of public schools, including equity issues, taxation, revenue generation (grants) and budget development.
Prerequisites: Current teaching certificate, acceptance into EDLD program.

EDLD 535 Internship in Educational Leadership I1 Credit
Gain knowledge and experience in varied aspects of school administration. Engagement in activities designed to develop and demonstrate leadership competencies essential for solving school problems, improving curriculum and instructional practices, and increasing student achievement. Leadership competencies align to state and national standards.
Prerequisites: EDLD 520A, current teaching certificate, and acceptance into graduate program.

EDLD 540 School Improvement and Accountability2 Credits
Construction, administration and interpretation of educational assessments for the systematic analysis of student learning and teaching practice. Emphasis on the use and understanding of data analysis to improve teaching and learning in the classroom. Statistical analysis relating to education leadership decision-making applications.
Prerequisites: Current teaching certificate, acceptance into the EDLD program.

EDLD 542 Instructional Supervision and Management/HR3 Credits
Study of effective human resources management, including recruitment, selection, induction, staff development, employee assistance, evaluation, contract negotiation and personnel management. The skills of conflict resolution and collaboration will be explored as well as ways to assess the learning organization needs.
Prerequisites: Current teaching certificate, acceptance into M.A. program, GRE.

EDLD 544 Strategies in School Improvement2 Credits
This course focuses on strategies that lead to school improvement, and ultimately continuous student success. High Performing Schools use strategies that are intentional and well designed. They operate in a learning culture that is dedicated to learning for all. This course will enable the student to analyze the culture of high performing schools and engage in problem solving protocols related to improvement in their own settings.
Prerequisites: Current teaching certificate, acceptance into EDLD program.
EDLD 545 Internship in Educational Leadership II 1 Credit
Gain knowledge and experience in varied aspects of school administration. Engagement in activities designed to develop and demonstrate leadership competencies essential for solving school problems, improving curriculum and instructional practices, and increasing student achievement. Leadership competencies align to state and national standards. **Prerequisites:** EDLD 520A, current teaching certificate, and acceptance into graduate program.

EDLD 595 Independent Study 1-3 Credits
Course may be taken multiple times up to maximum of 6 credit hours.