How Do I Apply?

Applying online is the easiest way to begin. Go to the St. Bonaventure University Web site at www.sbu.edu to begin the process.

We will schedule an interview with you and following admission we will prepare your plan of study.

Need financial assistance? We also have a Dean’s Scholarship that we encourage all to apply for online when they consider St. Bonaventure. This can help you to defray 20 percent of your tuition costs.

Want to know more about New York State School Leadership Examinations? Go to the State Education Department’s Web site at www.nystce.nesinc.com.

Alumni from SBU can be found across Western NY in the following school districts...

- Allegany-Limestone CSD
- Bolivar-Richburg CSD
- Buffalo City Schools
- Catholic Diocese Schools
- Catt-Ally BOCES
- Charter Schools
- Cuba-Rushford CSD
- Ellicottville CSD
- Falconer CSD
- Fillmore CSD
- Friendship CSD
- Genesee Valley CSD
- Gowanda CSD
- Hinsdale CSD
- Holland CSD
- Iroquois CSD
- Lake Shore CSD
- Lancaster CSD
- Lyndonville CSD
- North Collins CSD
- Olean City Schools
- Pioneer-Yorkshire CSD
- Portville CSD
- Randolph CSD
- Salamanca CSD
- South Western CSD
- Wellsville CSD
- West Seneca CSD

St. Bonaventure’s NCATE-accredited Educational Leadership programs provide challenging courses and experiences that prepare candidates to become effective school leaders. Most courses are taught by full-time faculty who have successful, extensive K-12 administrative experience and earned doctorates from accredited institutions. Many graduates move onto leadership positions immediately after completing their programs.

Our “hybrid” format features mostly online courses and makes some Educational Leadership programs at St. Bonaventure even more convenient. We invite you to visit the main campus or meet with faculty at our Buffalo Center on the Hilbert College campus in Hamburg, N.Y., to learn more of what St. Bonaventure has to offer.

Open Houses are regularly scheduled in fall and spring at both the Olean and Buffalo Centers. Plan to attend one.

All of our programming is based on strict adherence to the ELCC Standards (Educational Leadership Constituent Council) for administrative competencies. These standards are nationally accepted as the premier skill-development framework for effective leaders. These are the same standards that are used to create the NY State administrative certification exams.

A St. Bonaventure University degree is the first step to an exciting world of educational administration and truly making a difference in students’ lives.

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The educational leadership program provided me with a strong capacity to influence and activate change. It became clear that leadership is a journey not a destination. My time at SBU grounded me and conveyed the importance of instructional leadership.

- Mark Schultz, High School Principal, 2006 MSED

The School District Leader (SDL) Program builds on the SBL program, preparing candidates to become district-level leaders. It is designed for those who have aspirations to become a coordinator, director, assistant superintendent and/or superintendent.

Although many of the candidates in the SDL program are SBL program graduates, the program is open to current building leaders seeking to become district-level leaders. All of the required courses are now offered in the hybrid format described in the SBL section of this brochure. Classes meet at both the SBU Buffalo Center at Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y. and on the main campus in Olean, N.Y. A list of requirements is provided below. This can be used by anyone holding an initial certificate toward the Master’s Degree requirement for a professional certificate.

Classes include coursework patterned for successfully meeting the rigorous ELCC Standards:

- EDUC 500: Research
- EDUC 505: Technology
- EDL 515: Leadership
- EDL 522: School Community Relations
- EDL: 535: Supervision & Evaluation
- EDL 538: Standards-Based Curriculum
- EDL 542: Special Education
- EDL 523: School Law
- EDL 524: School Finance
- EDL 599A: Practicum
- EDL 599B: Internship

*SBU’s educational leadership program provides me with challenging and engaging learning experiences that are relevant, authentic, and applicable to my daily responsibilities as a sitting principal. The professors are knowledgeable of content and best practices in educational leadership. They strive to create learning experiences that encourage active engagement in learning and self-motivation.*

- Yvonne Ibarra, Principal & current student

This course of study includes all the SBL program courses. Candidates will then enroll in the following courses:

- EDL 610: Negotiations
- EDL 620: The Superintendency
- EDL 630: Central Office Leadership
- EDL 698A: Practicum
- EDL 698B: Internship
- *School Leadership Certification Exams

*New York state requires all newly enrolled candidates for the SBL and SDL Certificate to successfully complete a state competency exam. The SBL and SDL programs provide candidates with the skills and experiences they need to sit for the exam. Prior approval of a faculty member is required in order to sit for the exam.*