



# M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership

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## Program Overview

We offer three school leadership programs to help you lead your school and inspire your students. The 30-credit hour master's degree program in **Educational Leadership (M.S.Ed.)** is designed for elementary and secondary teachers or counselors seeking positions as school building administrators at some time in their careers (additional courses are required for district level certification). The 24-credit hour **School Building Leader (SBL) Advanced Certification** program prepares elementary and secondary teachers or counselors for administrative leadership at the school building level. The 12-credit **School District Leader (SDL) Advanced Certification** program prepares elementary and secondary teachers, administrators or counselors for administrative leadership at the school district level.

## Online Format

Coursework for the M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership program, School Building Leader (SBL) and School District Leader (SDL) advanced certifications is 100% online.

## Certification

The degree in Educational Leadership meets the criteria for professional teacher certification in the state of New York. The Educational Leadership degree meets the course requirements for the **School Building Leader** certification in New York. Candidates are recommended for administrative certification when they have completed the program of studies for the M.S.Ed. After completing SBU's SBL or SDL program, the candidate is eligible to take the the NYS Administrator examination.

**100%**  
Online  
Coursework

**1**  
M.S.Ed. Program  
with Certification

**2**  
Advanced  
Certifications

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## Admission Requirements

Admission to the degree and certification programs is based on:

1. Teaching or Counseling certification
2. K-12 school experience (three years)
3. Official transcripts of all prior college work
4. 3.0 or better GPA
5. Interview
6. Writing sample
7. Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a principal or superintendent)

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## Clinical Experiences Requirement

The **M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership** requires students to complete two competency-based clinical experiences in K-12 settings: one in an elementary school and one in a secondary school. The first, EDL 599A Practicum, involves 200 hours and can begin after completing three school building-level leadership courses. The second, EDL 599B Internship, requires 400 hours after the Practicum. Students currently teaching in K-12 schools may be able to complete these experiences in their own schools.

The **School Building Leader Advanced Certificate** also includes two clinical experiences: the EDL 599A Practicum (200 hours) and the EDL 599B Internship (400 hours). One experience must take place at the elementary level (PK-6th grade) and the other at the secondary level (7th-12th grade). Eligible K-12 teachers may be able to complete these in their own schools.

The **School District Leader Advanced Certificate** focuses on leadership at the district level, requiring two competency-based clinical experiences. The EDL 698A Practicum consists of 90 hours and can begin after completing two district-level leadership courses. The EDL 698B Internship, also 90 hours, follows the Practicum. Students teaching in K-12 schools may be able to complete these experiences within their own districts, and should discuss this with an advisor early in the program.

## M.S.Ed. Degree Requirements (30 credits)

EDUC 500	Research Methods in the Education Professions
EDUC 505	Technology for Educators and Counselors
EDL 515	Leadership/Principalship
EDL 522	School and Community Relationships
EDL 523	School Law
EDL 524	School Finance
EDL 535	Evaluation and Supervision of Instructional and Other Staff
EDL 542	Leading Effective Inclusive Schools
EDL 599A/B	Practicum (1 credit) & Internship (2 credits)
EDUC 615	Using Data for School Improvement Comprehensive Exam

## SBL Certification Requirements (24 credits)

EDL 515	Leadership/Principalship
EDL 522	School and Community Relationships
EDL 523	School Law
EDL 524	School Finance
EDL 535	Evaluation and Supervision of Instructional and Other Staff
EDL 542	Leading Effective Inclusive Schools
EDL 599A/B	Practicum (1 credit) & Internship (2 credits)
EDUC 615	Using Data for School Improvement

## SDL Certification Requirements (12 credits)

EDL 620	Superintendency
EDL 630	Central Office Leadership
EDL 640	Leadership in Personnel Administration
EDL 698A/B	Practicum (1 credit) & Internship (2 credits)

## Exit Criteria

In order to be awarded the degree or advanced certification, a student will be evaluated on the following exit criteria:

1. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
2. Successful completion of the practicum and internship
3. Submission of a satisfactory electronic portfolio
4. Passing of the comprehensive exam (only M.S.Ed.)

Courses and requirements are subject to change. For current course requirements, go to [www.sbu.edu/graduate](http://www.sbu.edu/graduate) and click on the Graduate Catalog link.