



# School Building Leader Advanced Certificate

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## Program Overview

This 24-credit hour school administrator certification program (SBL) prepares elementary and secondary teachers or counselors for administrative leadership at the school building level (additional courses are required for the district level certification).

## Online OR Hybrid Format

Students choose between a fully online learning experience OR a hybrid learning experience where classes are online with three in-person Saturday sessions during the semester.

## Certification

After completing SBU's 24-credit program, the candidate is eligible to take the New York State **School Building Leader (SBL)** Administrator examination. Students may seek administration certification upon successful completion of the state examination.

## Admission Requirements\*

Admission to this degree program is based on:

1. Teaching or Counseling certification
2. K-12 school experience (three years)
3. Official transcripts of all prior college work
4. 3.00 or better GPA
5. Interview
6. Writing sample
7. Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a principal or superintendent)

*\*State law requires SBU to collect immunization records from students taking 6 or more credit hours in any semester.*

*While the SBL program does not require a prior masters for admissions, students who wish to move on to the School District Leadership program after completing this MSED will be required to have at least 60 credits for the SDL certification.*

## Certification Requirements (24 credits)

EDL 515	Leadership for the 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 599K	Culturally Diverse Experience (0 credits)
EDUC 615	Using Data for School Improvement

## Field Experiences Requirement

Students must complete two competency-based field-experiences in K-12 settings, one in an elementary setting and the other in a secondary setting. The first field experience is the EDL 599A Practicum. The Practicum requires 200 hours. A student may begin the Practicum after three school building-level educational leadership courses are completed.

The second field experience is the EDL 599B Internship. The internship requires 400 hours after the Practicum is completed. One of the field experiences (Practicum or Internship) is to be completed at the elementary level (PK-6<sup>th</sup> grade) and the other experience at the secondary level (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade).

Students who are teaching in K-12 school settings may be eligible to complete their field experiences in their own schools.

## Exit Criteria

1. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
2. Successful completion of the practicum and internship
3. Submission of a satisfactory portfolio of field work

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