



# School District Leader Advanced Certificate

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## Program Overview

This 12-credit hour school administrator certification program (SDL) prepares elementary and secondary teachers, administrators or counselors for administrative leadership at the school district level.

## 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 12-credit program, the candidate is eligible to take the New York State **School District Leader (SDL)** 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.*

*Students seeking New York State School District certification are required to have at least 60 credits for the SDL certification. Students applying to this program should have at least 48 prior masters/certification graduate credits.*

## 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)
EDUC 599K	Diversity Experience (0 credits)

## Field Experiences

For this certification, students are expected to complete two competency-based field experiences in district office settings.

The first field experience is the EDL 698A Practicum. The Practicum requires 90 hours during one semester. A student may begin the Practicum once the first two district level educational leadership courses are completed.

The second field experience is the EDL 698B Internship. It requires 90 hours to be completed after the Practicum.

Students who are teaching in K-12 school settings may be eligible to complete their field experiences in their own school districts. This should be discussed with the advisor early in the program so that appropriate arrangements can be coordinated.

## 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

*Course descriptions and additional program information can be found in our Graduate Catalog at [www.sbu.edu/graduate](http://www.sbu.edu/graduate); click on the Graduate Catalog link on the lower right.*