

## **EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (CERTIFICATION), M.Ed.**

### **Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Department is to educate and train community and educational leaders using the most advanced theoretical, managerial, and technological knowledge, skills, and abilities available.*

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Students who successfully complete the program for the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership Certification will be able to demonstrate the following:

#### **Content**

- Promote a positive learning culture, provide an effective instructional program, and apply best practices to student learning, especially in the area of reading and other foundational skills. (A Florida Principal Leadership Standard required for certification)
- Monitor the success of all students in the learning environment, align the curriculum, instruction, and assessment processes to promote effective student performance, and use a variety of benchmarks, learning expectations, and feedback measures to ensure accountability for all participants engaged in the educational process. (A Florida Principal Leadership Standard required for certification)
- Recruit, select, nurture and, where appropriate, retain effective personnel, develop mentor and partnership programs, and design and implement comprehensive professional growth plans for all staff – paid and volunteer. (A Florida Principal leadership Standard required for certification)
- Understand, respond to, and influence the personal, political, social, economic, legal, and cultural relationships in the classroom, the school and the local community. (A Florida Principal Leadership Standard required for certification)
- Apply a model of transformational leadership in addressing issues and concerns within various levels of the organizational structure.
- Provide efficient administration through the use of technology, allocation of resources and continuous improvement to meet the mission of the organization.

#### **Critical Thinking**

- Plan effectively, use critical thinking and problem solving techniques, and collect and analyze data for continuous school improvement. (A Florida Principal Leadership Standard required for certification)
- Evaluate organizational performance in a variety of applications and apply appropriate intervention strategies to increase efficiency and effectiveness for all stakeholders.

## **Integrity/Ethics/Characteristics**

- Act with integrity, fairness, and honesty in an ethical manner. (A Florida Principal Leadership Standard required for certification)

## **Communication**

- Develop a vision for their school and the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to develop, articulate and implement a shared vision that is supported by the larger organization and the school community. (A Florida Principal Leadership Standard required for certification)
- Collaborate with families, business, and community members, respond to diverse community interests and needs, work effectively within the larger organization and mobilize community resources. (A Florida Principal Leadership Standard required for certification)

## **Project Management**

- Manage the organization, operations, facilities and resources in ways that maximize the use of resources in an instructional organization and promote a safe, efficient, legal, and effective learning environment. (A Florida Principal Leadership Standard required for certification)
- Plan and implement the integration of technological and electronic tools in teaching, learning, management, research, and communication responsibilities. A Florida Principal Leadership Standard required for certification)

## **Evaluation of Student Learning Outcomes**

Educational Leadership students will acquire the skills need to be school administrators. Students demonstrate what they have learned through classroom assignments, examinations, research and creative activities. Final certification is achieved through obtaining a passing score on the Florida Educational Leadership Exam (FELE). Passing this exam is a requirement for graduation.

## **Job Prospects for Masters in Educational Leadership (Certification)**

### **Graduates**

Principal

Assistant Principal

Curriculum Developer

In-Service Director

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