The Division of Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy (ELAP) offers graduate degree programs in educational administration at the master’s and doctoral levels for future administrators, supervisors, principals, superintendents, and other leaders in public and nonpublic schools and faith-based settings, and for educators and trainers of adults in non-school settings. Within the general program are specialties in pre-K–12 education, and church and religious organizations.

New York State School Building Leader (SBL) Certification

Our master’s program in Administration and Supervision is approved and recognized by the New York State Education Department as an approved School Building Leader preparation program. Graduates of this two-year program will be prepared to take the examination for New York State School Building Leader (SBL) certification. This certification is appropriate for such positions as principal, supervisor, department chairperson, assistant principal, coordinator, and unit head and required for school-building-level leadership positions in all New York state public schools and, increasingly, in faith-based and nonpublic schools.

Prospective students must consult with their respective state education department to determine whether they meet qualifications for their state certification. Many states have reciprocity with New York State regarding leadership certification. Individuals seeking NYSED School Building Leader certification must meet all state requirements for the certification and should visit the NYSED website to review these. NYSED requires that candidates for School Building Leader certification take and pass the SBL certification exam (Parts 1 & 2), take and pass the Educating All Students exam, and complete the mandated Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) workshop.

New York State School District Leader (SDL) Certification

The Division of Educational Leadership Administration and Policy offers an advanced certificate program for individuals seeking New York State School District Leader (SDL) certification. SDL certification is required by the New York State Education Department for anyone seeking school-district-level positions, such as superintendent, assistant deputy superintendent, district supervisor, etc. in a New York state public school district.

Students must consult with their state education department as to whether or not these experiences, as well as their respective educational and professional backgrounds, are acceptable for their state certification. Candidates seeking SDL certification are responsible for determining New York State Education Department requirements for qualifying for NYS School District Leadership certification. These include a total of 60 graduate credits that must include a master’s degree, a NYSED-approved school-district-leader preparation program, taking and passing the two-part School District Leader certification exam, taking and passing the Educating All Students exam, and completing the NYSED mandated Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) workshop.

Programs

- Administration and Supervision, Catholic/Faith-Based Educational Leadership, MSE
- Administration and Supervision, EdD
- Administration and Supervision, PhD
- School Building Leader, MSE
- School District Leadership, Advanced Certificate

Courses

ASGE 5112. FUNDAMENTALS OF EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT. (1-3 Credits)
A basic course dealing with the role of the school-based administrator in the administration of schools. The course takes up issues related to account management issues, school effectiveness, human resources, communications, and human relations.

ASGE 5119. FUNDAMENTALS OF EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISION. (3 Credits)
Considers the human, technical, educational, and moral aspects of supervision; possible arrangements and alternatives for supervision; effective practices in supervision; and needed involvement of supervision in school restructuring. Students will consider curricula, pedagogy, professional development and evaluation as part of this course.

ASGE 5902. MANAGEMENT OF CONTINUING AND ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS. (3 Credits)
This course is designed to provide an understanding of current behavior concepts, theories, and processes of management and supervision as applied to adult-education organizations and agencies.

ASGE 6105. HR I: THE GENERALIST. (3-4 Credits)
This course begins the program, introducing current issues faced by organizations and by HR departments in particular. We examine those functions typically enacted by HR generalists, including recruitment and retention, employee relations, and legal issues germane to HR (e.g., ADA, AFMA, OSHA, fire-at-will, sexual harassment).

ASGE 6110. HR II: THE SPECIALIST. (3 Credits)
This course explores the functions typically enacted by HR specialists, including benefits, compensation, succession planning, and labor relations.

ASGE 6130. INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP. (3 Credits)
Development of leadership in optimal staff performance and emphasis on factors that facilitate learning. Students will develop understanding their role as instructional leaders using formal and informal observation protocols and practice assessing lessons using a variety of rubrics.

ASGE 6132. ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR. (3 Credits)
Focuses on social/psychological forces influencing the behavior of the individual. Topics include communication, perception, motivation, attitudes, values, adult development, leadership, power, and influence.

ASGE 6145. LEADING IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY. (1-3 Credits)
Provides understanding and knowledge of the various cultural and ethnic groups in America and how they have impacted society and vice versa; explores concepts, issues, and dilemmas related to a multicultural, diverse society from both a historical and contemporary perspective; develops strategies to understand dynamics of the school community; and proposes solutions to meet challenges of a diverse society.

ASGE 6224. THE SUPERINTENDENCY. (3 Credits)
Consideration of the chief roles of the superintendent of schools, such as school board relationships; personnel; finance and budgeting; program planning; community relationships; local, state, and federal relationships; and evaluation.
ASGE 6225. BOARDS OF EDUCATION. (3 Credits)
The study of the role, responsibilities, power, and legal aspects of dealing with boards of education. Course is designed for board members, and practicing and prospective school administrators.

ASGE 6227. CASES AND SIMULATIONS IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION. (3 Credits)
This course uses a variety of cases and simulations to provide "situational data" for analysis of issues, problem solving, and leadership development.

ASGE 6322. SCHOOL FINANCE. (3 Credits)
Theory and practice of property taxation, tax and educational equity issues, understanding state school aid, and alternatives to existing funding patterns. It also considers the management of financial resources at the district and site level.

ASGE 6325. SCHOOL LAW. (3 Credits)
The legal status of the pupil, the teacher, and the superintendent; liabilities of school boards; inter-relationships of the school and the state. The interrelationships of the school board and municipality, as well as labor laws.

ASGE 6331. SHAPING EDUCATIONAL POLICY. (3 Credits)
A study of educational management as affected by public policies. Focus on political environments, decision-making processes, and legislation influencing education, as well as strategies and techniques for managing their impact on educational institutions.

ASGE 6333. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. (3 Credits)
This course deals with promoting the personal and career growth of people in organizations, using a model of a career life cycle, beginning with orientation and moving through each job change and promotion. Focus is on ways to provide challenging assignments to people through lateral rather than vertical moves.

ASGE 6338. ETHICS OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. (3 Credits)
Using case studies and theoretical analyses, this course examines the ethical issues that school administrators commonly face.

ASGE 6359. ADMINISTRATION OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION. (3 Credits)
The course examines the variety of educational institutions beyond secondary education, including colleges and universities, community colleges, professional schools, and career preparation institutes from an organizational and management perspective. Beginning with an overview of the history and philosophy of post-secondary education, this course will consider how purpose, structure, function, budget, and operations have developed and changed to meet the changing needs of and demands on post-secondary education in the 21st century.

ASGE 6361. STRATEGIC PLANNING/CHANGE. (3 Credits)
The basic elements and dynamics of planned change are examined. Emphasis is on strategies for achieving change in urban schools, including examples of successful innovation. The course focuses on how school leaders use data and budgets to drive their instruction plans in a K–12 environment.

ASGE 6362. UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING CHANGE. (3-4 Credits)
Students learn to scan the internal and external environments to identify challenges and constraints, to understand stakeholders’ investments in maintaining or challenging the status quo, to understand and manage change in the context of various change models, and to align business strategies with organizational systems and structures.

ASGE 6371. HIST & DESCRIPT RESEARCH. (3 Credits)
Techniques in the use of archival materials, primary sources, and secondary publications will be taught in the framework of educational policy research.

ASGE 6461. CRITICAL ISSUES IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION. (0-3 Credits)
Synthesizes research on enduring and emerging issues in administration and supervision including retrenchment, special education, finance and desegregation.

ASGE 6520. INTERNSHIP I. (3 Credits)
Systematic observation and planned participation in the administrative and supervisory activities of an urban or suburban school. Application must be submitted to the division chairperson by the end of the second month of the semester preceding internship.

ASGE 6521. INTERNSHIP II. (3 Credits)
Systematic observation and planned participation in the administrative and supervisory activities of an urban or suburban school. Application must be submitted to the division chairperson by the end of the second month of the semester preceding internship.

ASGE 6531. CLINIC FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. (1.5-3 Credits)
This clinic course provides a university setting in which present and prospective administrators can consider current issues, problems, and opportunities in contemporary school systems.

ASGE 6532. SEMINAR FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. (1-3 Credits)
This is an individualized, project-centered course in which participants will bring together multiple understandings and competencies developed in earlier courses and focus them in a synthetic way on a major problem or issue.

ASGE 6541. PERSPECTIVES ON LEADERSHIP. (3 Credits)
This course is designed to expose participants to various theories of leadership, to have them examine their own experience in working with a leader, to have them probe their own sources of motivation in seeking to exercise leadership, and to have them develop specific leadership skills and approaches in becoming accountable school leaders.

ASGE 6620. ADVANCED STATISTICS IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION. (3 Credits)
Covers statistical inference and prediction in research in educational leadership, administration, and policy, including parametric and nonparametric methods, and concepts of measurement and probability.

ASGE 6720. PROGRAM EVALUATION AND RESEARCH IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION I. (3 Credits)
Focuses on the nature of research as it applies to studies in educational leadership, administration, and policy. Includes the development of research topics and the selection of appropriate ways to investigate these topics. Students will learn how to use data to drive instruction.

ASGE 7320. DATA ANALYSIS & ACCOUNTABILITY. (3 Credits)
School administrators are challenged to manage and analyze data to inform instruction and improve student performance. This course teaches the use of data for setting goals, monitoring progress and using data warehousing—thus holding educators accountable for results. Students will analyze and share data in "data cycle" format to inform educators and the public regarding what they receive from the district and/or read in the print and electronic media.
ASGE 7322. ECONOMICS AND FINANCE OF EDUCATION. (3 Credits)
Course studies the efficiency of the funding of education—including sources, budgets, uses, and effects—at the federal, state, and local levels. Key concerns are the equity of spending, the efficiency of resource utilization, the productivity of schools in relating dollars spent to student achievement, and the privatization of education (e.g., charter schools, vouchers, and school choice). Course has practical uses for school leaders who must set budgets, maintain sources of school income, and analyze the spending of funds in both public and private schools.

ASGE 7333. DATA ANALYSIS AND ACCOUNTABILITY. (3 Credits)
School administrators are challenged to manage, analyze, and use data to inform instruction and improve student performance. This course teaches the use of data for setting priorities and goals, monitoring progress, and data warehousing—thus holding educators accountable for results. Students will also analyze and share data in a “data cycle” format to inform educators and the public regarding what they receive from the district or read in the print and electronic media. The overall purpose is to use data analysis for school accountability, improvement, and reform.

ASGE 7428. SEMINAR IN LEADERSHIP. (3 Credits)
This advanced seminar deals with selected topics and issues in leadership. The course involves the exploration of theoretical frameworks as means of interpreting problems from the field and suggesting leadership responses to these problems.

ASGE 7429. SOCIAL THEORIES AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. (3 Credits)
This is an in-depth analysis of social theories and their implications for the restructuring of educational and other social institutions. The course focuses on structural-functional theory and other theories and their contemporary critiques.

ASGE 7430. POLITICAL FACTORS IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION. (3 Credits)
The study of the effects of coalitions, local political systems, and power and authority with respect to administering and leading educational systems.

ASGE 7431. ADMIN & SUPV SEMINAR. (3 Credits)
An advanced seminar in administration and supervision; exploration and study of comprehensive professional concerns.

ASGE 7432. SEMINAR IN ORGANIZATIONAL THEORY. (3 Credits)
Focuses on application of organizational theory to school administration. Theories of Weber, Argyris, McGregor, Etzioni, and others will be examined.

ASGE 7435. STRATEGIC THINKING, PLANNING, AND IMPLEMENTATION. (3 Credits)
Every organization needs to grow, and today’s organizations need to do so in a competitive and ever-changing environment. The heart of the change process is in the strategy the organization selects to move forward. In this course, students learn to understand their industry, the competition, and their organization’s core competencies and values. They learn strategic models, including those of Michael Porter, Treacy and Wiersma, Hamel and Prahalad, Kim and Mauborgne, and Richard D’Aveni. Using Nadler and Tushman’s model for Congruence, they learn to align their organizations with the chosen strategy.

ASGE 7439. ADVANCED SEMINAR FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. (1,3 Credits)
This course provides advanced study of administration in nonpublic schools. Issues of finance, curriculum, personnel, physical plant, instruction, and community relations are covered.

ASGE 7440. SEMINAR IN ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR. (1-3 Credits)
This course focuses on individuals and groups in the organization and on both the micro and macro perspectives of their behavior. The perspective, historical background, methodology, and theoretical framework for the field of organizational behavior will be presented. The emphasis will be on developing leaders with a vision that reflects an understanding of the social and psychological forces influencing the behavior of the individual in organizations and the dynamics, processes, and structures of organizational behavior.

ASGE 7442. LEADING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE. (3 Credits)
This course focuses on the nature of discontinuous change and on managing the paradoxes of change including chaos and order. Several current theories of change will be presented and applied to students’ organizational settings. The emphasis will be on developing leadership skills for crafting a vision, mission, and strategic plan for change, as well as for aligning the organization behind the vision.

ASGE 7444. LEADING A LEARNING ORGANIZATION. (3 Credits)
This course focuses on the nature of learning organizations (in business and in schools)—and the process that has been used to create and lead such organizations. While studying various leadership styles and perspectives, an ongoing emphasis will be placed on hypothesizing how these divergent interpretations of leadership can be applied to learning organizations. Teams will complete in-depth studies of actual learning organizations (in business and schools) and present these models. This will lead to an individual reflective plan centering on leading a learning organization.

ASGE 7446. SEMINAR IN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE. (1-3 Credits)
This course focuses on the nature of organizational culture: how it comes into being, how to shape a culture, and how to change a culture. Students discuss the development of norms, values, and behaviors in an organization. Examples of effective as well as dysfunctional cultures are analyzed.

ASGE 7448. SEMINAR IN ETHICS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. (1-3 Credits)
This course develops students’ vocabulary for discussing and clarifying ethical issues and for gaining understanding of ethical issues within organizations. The course helps students develop policies and strategies to address ethical issues within their organizations, toward their clients, and within the civic communities in which they are located.

ASGE 7450. SEMINAR IN THE SPIRITUALITY OF LEADERSHIP. (3 Credits)
This course focuses on the nature of spirituality and on leading the building of community within organizations. The course will explore spirituality as it basically relates to education. Throughout the course, spirituality will be differentiated from formal religion. The spiritual dimension of educational practice will be presented as it pertains to building community with educators, families, organizations, and cultures.

ASGE 7530. CLINICAL PRACTICE IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION. (3 Credits)
This course provides students with applied field experiences designed to work out solutions to particular problems of practice.

ASGE 7531. ADVANCED QUALITATIVE RESEARCH. (3 Credits)
This course offers students the opportunity to engage in field research activities that focus on initial research design, data collection, and analysis.

ASGE 7721. RESEARCH IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION I. (3 Credits)
Emphasizes development of individual research proposals, using quantitative methods and design, in preparation for dissertation seminar.
ASGE 7731. RESEARCH IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION II. (3 Credits)
Continue development of conceptualizing research questions with emphasis on qualitative methodology.

ASGE 8001. RESEARCH APPRENTICESHIP. (0 Credits)

ASGE 8505. DIRECTED RESEARCH IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION, AND POLICY. (1-3 Credits)
Designed for students who are developing research problems or projects for their doctoral studies.

ASGE 8750. DISSERTATION SEMINAR: EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION, AND POLICY. (3 Credits)
Seminar for advanced Doctor of Education candidates in the Division of Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy who have completed all of their coursework. The purpose of the seminar is to assist students in developing an approved dissertation proposal.

ASGE 8751. DISSERTATION SEMINAR: EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION, AND POLICY, PHD. (3 Credits)
Seminar for advanced Doctor of Philosophy candidates in the Division of Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy who have completed all of their coursework. The purpose of the seminar is to assist students in developing an approved dissertation proposal.

ASGE 9990. INDEPENDENT STUDY. (1-4 Credits)
Designed to enable students to study selected topics in depth and to conduct research. For matriculated students only. An outline of the proposed work must be approved by the adviser. Registration requires approval of the professor directing the study, the division chair, and the director of graduate studies.