School Building Leader (M.S.E.)

30 credits
NYSED 29020/29019

This program is designed for current and aspiring school leaders and supervisors in public and nonpublic schools and school districts. There are several options within the master’s degree program: a certification track for those seeking New York State School Building Leader certification, a faith-based track for those seeking to become leaders in religious schools, and a one-year, accelerated cohort track (known as AMPEL). It is possible to combine tracks (e.g., there is a faith-based certification track).

New York State School Building Leader (SBL) Certification

Our master’s program in educational leadership is approved and recognized by the New York State Education Department as an approved School Building Leader preparation program. Graduates of this one-year program will be prepared to take the examination for the 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 it is 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 and 2), take and pass the Educating All Students exam, and complete the mandated Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) workshop.

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