

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP (ADV CERT)

15 credits

NYSED 29021/29022

This advanced certificate program is for those seeking to qualify for the New York State Education Department's School District Leader (SDL) certification. The program may also be taken as an extension program for current students and recent graduates from our educational leadership programs.

School District Leader (SDL) Certification

SDL certification is required by the New York State Education Department for anyone seeking district-level positions, such as superintendent, assistant deputy superintendent, district supervisor, etc., in a New York state public school district. Students within and outside New York state are responsible for knowing and understanding individual state SDL requirements as well as reciprocity policies.

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. These include (1) completion of an NYSED-approved school district leader preparation program (e.g., Fordham SDL program), (2) institutional recommendation, (3) a total of 60 graduate credits that must include a master's degree, (4) a minimum of three years of paid, full-time administrator/pupil personnel professional/teacher experience, (5) passing the two-part New York State SDL certification exam, (6) passing the Educating All Students exam, (6) completion of the NYSED mandated Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) workshop, (7) fingerprint clearance, and (8) permanent resident or U.S. citizenship.

Admissions

Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to graduate study in the Graduate School of Education, as well as the following program-specific admissions requirements:

- have successfully earned a master's degree
- possess an initial or professional state certificate in teaching/pupil personnel service/administration
- have earned a minimum undergraduate and graduate grade point average of approximately 3.0 (B or better)
- submit two references (if currently working in a pre-K-12 building, one reference should be from your current school principal)
- possess a satisfactory command of oral and written English
- have three years of paid, full-time work experience as a classroom teacher, pupil personnel professional (e.g., school counselor), or administrator. Experience that is not full time may be credited on a prorated basis.

Requirements

Candidates seeking SDL certification must take the following five courses:

Course	Title	Credits
ASGE 6224	The Superintendency	3
ASGE 6225	Boards of Education	3
ASGE 6227	Cases and Simulations in Administration and Supervision	3
ASGE 7444	Leading a Learning Organization	3
ASGE 7530	Clinical Practice in Administration and Supervision (Internship District Level)	3
Total Credits		15

Current students and recent graduates (within the past 5 years) of the Division of Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy are eligible to take this program as an extension and need 9 out of the 15 credits of coursework which entails (1) ASGE 6224 The Superintendency, (2) ASGE 6225 Boards of Education or ASGE 7444 Leading a Learning Organization, and (3) ASGE 7530 Clinical Practice in Administration and Supervision. Contact the program coordinator, Dr. Phillip Smith, at psmith99@fordham.edu, for additional information.

Completion Requirements

To earn the advanced certificate in school district leadership, candidates must meet these requirements:

- complete the prescribed program of study which includes a minimum of 240 hours of internship embedded in ASGE 7530 Clinical Practice in Administration and Supervision
- maintain a minimum overall graduate grade point average of 3.0 (B or better)

In addition, to qualify for endorsement by the University for the New York State School District Leader (SDL) certification, advanced certificate candidates must also pass the New York State SDL exam.

Plans of Study

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Spring		
ASGE 6227	Cases and Simulations in Administration and Supervision	3
ASGE 7444	Leading a Learning Organization	3
Credits		6
Summer		
ASGE 6224	The Superintendency	3
ASGE 6225	Boards of Education	3
ASGE 7530	Clinical Practice in Administration and Supervision (may also be taken in fall term)	3
Credits		9
Total Credits		15