



Professional Learning



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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

A Collaborative Professional Learning Project

Between

Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium

and

Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

The Graduate Certificate in School Leadership (GCSL) provides you with opportunities to enhance your skills as a school leader or aspiring school leader.

The GCSL is a flexible, part-time, varied-delivery program that facilitates studying without taking a leave from your career.

You will be engaged in authentic tasks and experiences directly linked to school leadership, including a job-embedded learning component in which you will visit, observe, and collaborate with a school leader or leadership team in a school setting of your choice.

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The GCSL is a four-course experience designed to develop your leadership capacity in areas such as:

- ✓ Leading a learning community in times of change
- ✓ Providing instructional leadership for increased student engagement
- ✓ Managing school operations and resources
- ✓ Moving policy to practice
- ✓ Modelling continuous professional learning for teachers
- ✓ Supporting the application of foundational knowledge about Indigenous Peoples
- ✓ Understanding the social context of schooling

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The GCSL meets the academic requirements for [principal and superintendent certification in Alberta](#).

In addition, the GCSL will ladder into M.Ed. programs such as the [Master of Education in Educational Administration and Leadership](#).

The Graduate Certificate in School Leadership consists of four graduate-level ★3 courses: 2 are required courses, and 2 are chosen from a list of approved electives.

Courses are provided in a variety of face-to-face, online or blended formats.

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Required Courses

EDU 520 Foundations of School Leadership ★3

Explore the foundational dimensions of school leadership.

EDU 521 School Leadership: Theory into Practice ★3 (*prerequisite EDU 520*)

Hone leadership practices grounded in research to demonstrate mastery of Alberta's Leadership Quality Standard (LQS). Includes a job-embedded learning component.

Completion of the required courses fulfills the academic requirements for principal certification in Alberta.

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Approved Electives

Electives can come from the approved list with a focus on specific context. These electives include:

EDU 523 System Leadership: Theory and Practice ★3 (*prerequisite EDU 521*)

This course explores the challenges and opportunities afforded by professional practice that is aligned with the [Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard](#). Completion of this course fulfills the academic requirements for superintendent certification in Alberta.

EDU 530 First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Issues in School Leadership ★3

EDU 596 Gender and Educational Leadership ★3

EDU 596 Leading School Operations ★3

EDU 596 Catholic School Leadership ★3

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Approved Electives

It is possible to co-create electives which incorporate professional learning from the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium (ERLC). These electives can be focused on topics of special interest to Charter Schools, Independent Schools or Rural Schools.

These courses would be a combination of ERLC professional learning and university-based learning. The courses would be created in collaboration with ERLC, school partners and the University of Alberta.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Possible schedule: Fall 2022 EDU 520

 Winter 2023 EDU 521

 Spring 2023 EDU 596 (course with
professional learning during the school year)

 Summer 2023 EDU 596 (course with
professional learning during the school year)

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ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

In order to be considered for the Graduate Certificate in School Leadership (GCSL) program, you must meet the following minimum criteria:

- ✓ A four-year baccalaureate degree from a recognized university with a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 (on the 4.0 grade-point scale) or 6.5 (on the 9 grade-point scale) over the last 60 credits of course work
- ✓ Two years of teaching experience

If you do not meet the GPA requirement, we may recommend admission based on professional/work experience. Please contact gcsinfo@ualberta.ca to discuss your options.

QUESTIONS



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