

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

**Goal** – The program seeks to prepare educational leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century who strive for academic excellence and equity of opportunity in K-12 schools. The program is conceived as a support to school districts’ professional development.

**Outcome** – At the end of the program graduates will know and be able to:

1. Provide a challenging, supportive, and equitable learning environment to all students.
2. Design and articulate curriculum, school policy, and instructional practices centered on the intellectual and emotional challenges.

**Degree and Tier 1 Credential** – At the end of the program SJSU grants a **Master of Arts** in Education: Administration & Supervision and graduates are eligible for the **Preliminary Administrative Service Credential** (Tier 1).

## CONTENT OF THE PROGRAM

Course content will be tailored to fit the needs and issues of the school districts involved in the program. Four major components inform the course work:

1. Use equity of opportunity and academic excellence as criteria to examine the application of legal procedure, financial and human resources, policy, advocacy, and organizational praxis.
2. Follow the up-to-date research on Leadership pedagogy and instructional approaches.
3. Use evidence-based leadership so that schools can nurture a culture where inquiry, reflection, and learning define teachers’ and students’ daily experience.
4. Program delivery follows the notion that education emerges from practice. Thus, instructional methodology is a hands-on, direct application of theory to real-life cases.

## DURATION COHORTS AND COURSE WORK

**Duration** – The program lasts four consecutive semesters, 6-15 units a semester.

**Cohorts** – Schools and school districts send teams of three to four educators. These teams stay together as a cohort for the duration of the program.

**Cost** – The entire program will roughly cost \$8,000 (four semesters) per student.

**Class Meetings** – Students will meet one night a week from 4:30 to 10:00 pm and several Saturday classes (count as two sessions).

### **Course Work:**

#### **Semester One**

200 The School Manager  
201 The School Leader

#### **Semester Two**

202 The Educator

#### **Semester Three**

205 Leader in the Community  
206 Advocate for All Children  
242 Internship in School Administration

#### **Semester Four**

203 Human Resources Administrator  
204 Fiscal & Legal Leadership  
242 Internship in School Administration  
253 Seminar in Administration

# DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

## Educational Leadership Application for Admissions:

- **1. Each applicant must complete a department application** and pay a \$50.00 (non-refundable) Application Fee to SJSU Foundation - EDAD
- **2. Each applicant or each team must submit one, original, signed letter of recommendation from the school principal** concerning the potential success of applicants as a team, as educational leaders, and as graduate students. (For school teams, the principal can write one letter with everyone's name on it. A copy will be placed in each applicant's file.)
- **3. Each applicant must submit a written respond to the quotation by Roland Barth:** "The relationship among adults in schools are the basis, the precondition, the *sine qua non* that allow, energize, and sustain all other attempts at school improvement. Unless adults talk with one another, observe one another, and help one another, very little will change." (*Improving Schools from Within*, 1990). The essay needs to be about three pages (double-spaced)
- **4. Each applicant must submit a copy of his/her Professional Clear Credential. Please note** – All students must have 3 years of teaching experience before starting the program. CBEST must be passed prior to applying for the Tier 1 credential.
- **5. Mail the department's application for admission, application fee, letter of recommendation, applicant's response to the Barth prompt, and a copy of his/her Professional Clear Credential to:**  
Educational Leadership Department  
San José State University  
One Washington Square  
San José, CA 95192-0072 (Be certain to use the extended zip code)

## Part II: To Meet the SJSU Graduate Studies Division Requirements

- **Admission to the SJSU Graduate Studies Division:** Complete an on-line application at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) (no paper applications will be processed. A non-refundable, \$55.00 fee is charged)
- **Official transcripts for last 60 units for BA and/or MA degrees and credentials:** Applicants request and obtain transcripts. THEN each applicant mails official transcripts directly to:  
San José State University  
Office of Graduate Studies and Research  
One Washington Square  
San José, CA 95192-0025 Attn: Ed Leadership Evaluator  
No Professional Development Transcripts. (All UCSC transcripts must also include written evaluations.)

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