

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

The Graduate Certificate in School Leadership (GCSL) is a four-course experience designed to enhance your skills as a school leader.

You will 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

APPLICATIONS

Applications are open throughout the year.

You can begin studies in Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer semesters pending sufficient course enrollment.

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Rise to the challenges and opportunities of 21st century school leadership.

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

The Graduate Certificate meets the academic requirements for principal and superintendent certification in Alberta. In addition, the Graduate Certificate can be laddered into some M.Ed. programs.

THE PROGRAM

The Graduate Certificate in School Leadership (GCSL) is a flexible, part-time, varied-delivery program that suits your schedule and timelines.

The GCSL includes two required courses and two approved electives courses.

- Two courses are taken in sequence.
- Two courses are approved electives, taken at your discretion.
- Courses can be taken at your convenience (within a 1 to 4-year time frame).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

- Four-year baccalaureate degree (or equivalent) from a recognized academic institution and a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Two years teaching experience.

REQUIRED COURSES

Completion of these courses fulfills the academic requirements for principal certification in Alberta. Students do not have to wait until they have completed the program to apply for certification.

- **EDU 520** Foundations of School Leadership
- **EDU 521** School Leadership: Theory Into Practice (prerequisite EDU 520)

APPROVED ELECTIVES

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

Completion of this course fulfills the academic requirements for superintendent certification in Alberta.

- **EDU 530** First Nations, Métis and Inuit Issues for School Leaders
- **EDU 596** Gender and Educational Leadership
- **EDU 596** Understanding Professional Development for Teachers

Additional electives are in development.



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