

Educational Leadership (EDL)

Course Planning Document

With concentrations in building administration, special education leadership and teacher leadership, the masters and endorsement programs at UNO provide administrative certification. A doctoral degree in educational administration is a terminal degree designed to enhance leadership and develop expertise in chosen fields. Your leadership aspirations determine what EDL course blocks you will study. All EDL students are required to complete the Leadership Block, the other five blocks are customized to meet your goals. First, take a moment to review the EDL program block options. Next, schedule a meeting with an EDL advisor to learn more about the courses aligned with your professional goals and to create an informal program of study. Click [Book time with Dr. Tami Williams](#) to schedule this advising meeting.

LEADERSHIP BLOCK (24 hrs)			PRINCIPAL BLOCK (12 hrs)			SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR BLOCK (12 hrs)			SUPERINTENDENT BLOCK (12 hrs)			EdD RESEARCH BLOCK (12 hrs)			EdD SEMINAR BLOCK (9 hrs)																																						
EDL 8030	Intro to Ed Leadership	3	EDL 9540	School Law & Ethics	3	SPED 8900	Special Ed Law	3	EDL 9980	Supt Internship	3	EDL 9000	Research Design	3	EDL 9510	Culture & Context	3																																				
EDL 8750	Fundamentals of HR	1	EDL 8470	Administration & Supervision	3	SPED 8920	Special Ed Leadership	3	EDL 9550	Symposium Leadership	3	EDL 9610	Statistical Methods	2	EDL 9520	Achieving School Excellence	3																																				
EDL 8050	School & Community	3	EDL 8400	Elementary Internship OR	3	SPED*		3	EDL 8560	School Finance	1	EDL 9680	Qualitative Theory	2	EDL 9530	Paradigms & Practices	3																																				
EDL 8020	Ed Policy	1	EDL 8410	Secondary Internship	3	SPED*		3	EDL 8620	Plants & Facilities	3	EDL 9620	Non-Parametric Statistics	2	All three seminars are required for EdD students. Any sequence order is acceptable.																																						
EDL 8490	Instructional Leadership	3	EDL 8800	Leadership Academy OR**	3	The Special Education Supervisor Block is required for people pursuing their Nebraska Special Education Supervisor PK-12. Special Education Supervisors must hold a valid teaching certificate with Special Education Endorsement or be eligible to hold a Special Education Endorsement.			EDL XXXX	1-hour elective	1	EDL 9690	Qualitative Analysis	2																																							
EDL 8740	Professional Development	1	EDL 8350	Issues in Management	1				EDL XXXX	1-hour elective	1	EDL 9010	Advanced Research Seminar	1																																							
EDL 8710	Interpersonal Relations	3	EDL XXXX	1-hour elective	1				Required for all students pursuing school admin (principal). NE Admin Certification is 36 hours including one internship. 45 hours including both internships for NE PK-12.																																												
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EDL 8780	Ed Leadership Summit*	2	EDL XXXX	1-hour elective	1																						Required for all students pursuing school admin (principal). NE Admin Certification is 36 hours including one internship. 45 hours including both internships for NE PK-12.																										
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The Leadership Block is required for all initial Admin Certification <i>and</i> non-certification degrees.			Professional Learning for the Professional Student Three Degree Options: MS = 36 hrs. EdD = 96 hrs. (45 new after admittance) EdS = 69 hrs. (30 must be w/in 10-yr. degree limit & 15 new credits after admittance) All classes are either synchronous via Zoom or asynchronous online. We also host two, annual in-person convenings: Fall Leadership Dinner & Community Leadership Summit																																																		

	Course	Title	Credit Hrs	Fall	Spring	Summer
Leadership Block	EDL 8030	Intro to Ed Leadership	3	T 4:30 pm		June 10 am ‡
Leadership Block	EDL 8750	Fundamentals of HR	1	T 4:30 pm		June 10 am ‡
Leadership Block	EDL 8050	School & Community	3		asynchronous	Session 1 asynchronous
Leadership Block	EDL 8020	Ed Policy	1		asynchronous	Session 1 asynchronous
Leadership Block	EDL 8490	Instructional Leadership	3		R 4:30 pm	June 7:30 am ‡
Leadership Block	EDL 8740	Professional Development	1		R 4:30 pm	June 7:30 am ‡
Leadership Block	EDL 8710	Interpersonal Relations	3	R 4:30 pm		June 12:40 pm ‡
Leadership Block	EDL 8730	Communication & Culture	1	R 4:30 pm		June 12:40 pm ‡
Leadership Block	EDL 8010	Intro to Research	3	R 7:15 pm	T 4:30 pm	Full Session 1 M 7:15 pm
Leadership Block	EDL 8780	Ed Leadership Summit	2	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	Asynchronous Session 3
Principal Block	EDL 9540	School Law & Ethics	3	Asynchronous		July Asynchronous
Principal Block	EDL 8470	Administration & Supervision	3		M 4:30 pm	July MR 7:30 am
Principal Block	EDL 8400	Elementary Internships	3	M 7:15 pm	W 4:30 pm	
Principal Block	EDL 8410	Secondary Internship	3	M 7:15 pm	W 4:30 pm	
Principal Block	EDL 8800	Leadership Academy	3	Determined by district	Determined by district	Determined by district
Principal Block	EDL 8350	Issues in Management	1	Asynchronous		Asynchronous Session 3
Principal Block	EDL XXXX	1-hour elective	1			
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Special Ed Supervisor	SPED 8900	Special Education Law	3	SPED Dept for Details		
Special Ed Supervisor	SPED 8920	Special Education Leadership	3	Offered only in Spring semester of odd years		

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EdD Seminar Block	EDL 9510	Culture & Context	3	T 4:30 pm		
EdD Seminar Block	EDL 9520	Achieving School Excellence	3		T 4:30 pm	
EdD Seminar Block	EDL 9530	Paradigms & Practices	3			Full Session 1 M 4:30 pm
EdD Research	EDL 9000	Research Design	3			Full Session 1 W 4:30 pm
EdD Research	EDL 9610	Statistical Methods	2	T 7:15 pm		
EdD Research	EDL 9680	Qualitative Theory	2	T 7:15 pm		
EdD Research	EDL 9620	Non Parametric Statistics	2		T 7:15 pm	
EdD Research	EDL 9690	Qualitative Analysis	2		T 7:15 pm	
EdD Research	EDL 9010	Advanced Research Seminar	1	M 4:30 pm	R 7:15 pm	Full Session 1 TBA
Super-intendent	EDL 9980	Superintendent Internship	3	R 4:30 pm		
Super-intendent	EDL 9550	Symposium Leadership	3		R 4:30 pm	
Super-intendent	EDL 8560	School Finance	1			asynchronous
Super-intendent	EDL 8620	Plants & Facilities	3			Full Session 1 TR 4:30 pm
Super-intendent	EDL XXXX	1-hour elective	1			
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IMPORTANT DATES Topics In Education Symposium (TIES) is online, March 4, 2026, at 5:00 pm ‡ Summer 2026 Dates Leadership Block synchronous courses 3-hour Leadership Block courses (8030, 8490, 8710) will be 8 sessions in June - June TBA 1-hour Leadership Block courses (8750, 8740, 8730) will be 4 sessions in June - June TBA Community and Education Leadership Summit is tentatively scheduled at Baxter Arena June 24 & 25, 2026. More information will be posted. Fall Leadership Dinner – September 30, 2026						

One-hour Electives

Course	Title	Credit Hrs.	Fall	Spring	Summer
1-hour electives	EDL 8330	Leading The Curriculum Process	1	Asynchronous	Asynchronous Session 3
1-hour electives	EDL 8360	Current Issues in Special Education Administration	1	Asynchronous	Asynchronous Session 3
1-hour electives	EDL 8380	Hope Leadership	1	Asynchronous	Asynchronous Session 3
1-hour electives	EDL 8390	Leadership Pipeline	1	Asynchronous	Asynchronous Session 3
1-hour electives	EDL 8370	Issues in Nebraska Education Policy	1	Asynchronous	Asynchronous Session 3
1-hour electives	EDL 8070	Ed Issues: Policy Analysis & Advocacy for School Leaders	1	Asynchronous	Asynchronous
1-hour electives	EDL 8080	Ed Issues: Systems Leadership for Student Behavior	1	Asynchronous	Asynchronous Session 3
1-hour electives	EDL 8090	Ed Issues: Systems Leadership Continuous Improvement	1	Asynchronous	Asynchronous Session 3

1-hour elective courses are designed to be:

- topical for current issues,
- asynchronous to meet your scheduling needs,
- unique choices to enrich a degree Plan of Study, and
- beneficial for those needing to renew their admin certificate.



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An Educational Leadership degree from UNO offers Masters, Educational Specialist and Doctoral pathways for busy professionals. Online synchronous and asynchronous courses allow you to achieve a work life balance while pursuing your advanced degree at your own pace.

The UNO Educational Leadership Program is designed to be flexible and to meet your professional needs as a professional student. We know that you balance full time work, personal and community commitments, as well as your graduate coursework and development.

Your Pace - Your path.

Page 1: Determine your degree and/or certification

Page 2: Determine your schedule

Meet with an EDL advisor to learn more about the courses aligned with your professional goals and to create an informal program of study.

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Helpful Links

- UNO Educational Leadership <https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-education-health-and-human-sciences/educational-leadership/>
- UNO Academic Calendar <https://www.unomaha.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.php>
- UNO Tuition and Fees <https://www.unomaha.edu/admissions/tuition-and-fees.php>
- Omaha Urban Rate (OUR) Tuition <https://www.unomaha.edu/accounting-services/cashiering-and-student-accounts/tuition-fees-and-refunds/omaha-urban-rate-our-tuition.php>
- UNO Office of Graduate Studies <https://www.unomaha.edu/graduate-studies/index.php>
- **Application to become a current UNO graduate student** <https://www.unomaha.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/application-process.php>