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PURPOSE

To provide current and aspiring school superintendents with the skills and knowledge that will help them successfully lead and manage school districts. This is an extended experience beyond a traditional graduate program.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

New superintendents, sitting superintendents of small districts, associate and assistant superintendents of larger districts, and principals with at least three years of experience.

All applicants must hold or be eligible for a superintendent's license.

WHAT'S THE SCHEDULE?

September 26, 2014 – June 12, 2015

Courses begin September 26, 2014 with a half-day orientation and a day-long course. One day courses are offered every month (except December) through June 12, 2015.

All courses are held on UNO's campus.

WHAT'S THE CONTENT?

Leadership development; change management–strategic planning; systems thinking; crisis management; career development; innovations in technology; ethical leadership; building board relationships; politics of the superintendence; communication and marketing.

WHO TEACHES THE COURSES?

A mix of university faculty and practitioners with local/regional/national experience.

Former guest speakers include:

- Tom Osbourne–Ethical Leadership
- Alan November–Technology in the classroom
- Kati Haycock–Heritage Foundation
- John Barry–former superintendent, Aurora, Colorado
- Tim Waters–McREL
- Edwin Jarvin–Achievement Gap
- Ray and Associates, Inc.–Executive Search Firm/Career Development

2014-2015 Opportunities:

- Tom Downs–Former director, School Boards Association
- Nebraska ESUs
- Iowa ISAs + AEA
- National + Regional superintendents to advise with their relevant expertise.

"I have found the national speakers challenge my thinking, and the topics we cover are essential for building a successful transition into superintendency. The opportunity to learn and grow with a cohort of peers has made this academy beyond exceptional!"

–Jim Sutfin, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, Millard Public Schools



MENTORSHIP

Participants have the rare opportunity to be matched with a leading-area corporate CEO who will serve as business mentor.

COHORT

The program is cohort-based; there are no more than 15 participants in the cohort with the intent to create a network to serve them throughout their careers.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit coe.unomaha.edu/moec/msa and fill out or download the form*.

***Forms are due June 30, 2014.**

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COST

The total cost of the program is \$2,000.



"The networking opportunities and ability to discuss real-world education issues with school practitioners, community leaders and university researchers was extremely valuable. It was one of the most beneficial professional activities I've experienced."

–Andy Rikli, Superintendent, Papillion-La Vista School District