Curriculum

The curriculum is delivered over 22 months.

The program of study includes courses in:
- Leadership & Change
- School Law
- Finance & Budgeting
- Technology
- Research & Evaluation
- Special Education
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Personnel
- Ethical & Political Contexts of Leadership

Twelve credits are earned in an internship. Practicing principals and supervisors serve as mentors and on-site internship supervisors during the program.

Tuition, Fees and Books

Virginia school personnel receive a 40% tuition discount. Books are approximately $100 per course. For the latest tuition rates go to: http://www.bursar.vt.edu/tuition/

Program Timetable

The program will begin in August of 2011 and will run through June of 2013.

Location

Virginia Tech Southwest Center
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
One Partnership Circle
Abingdon, VA 24212

Technology Requirements

An up-to-date computer with current word processing software, email software, browser, and a high-speed Internet connection are required.

Admission Timetable

Applications are currently being accepted and will be accepted until 20 members have been selected. Admission will be offered to qualified applicants immediately upon their successful completion of all admission requirements. Admission is highly competitive.

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Program Accreditation

The program is approved by the Virginia Board of Education, fully accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and is recognized by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council for meeting its standards.

Purpose

The purpose of the program is to develop the skills and abilities of individuals who are willing to accept the responsibilities and challenges of leadership in schools and school divisions. Successful participants are prepared to work confidently with diverse populations and initiate programs to prepare students for productive lives in a world economy. The program faculty is committed to preparing students to lead in just and ethical ways.

The program is designed to meet all of the requirements for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA). At the end of the program, students are will be required to pass the SLLA exam in order to receive Virginia Licensure as a school leader.

Outstanding Graduates

The Virginia Tech Educational Leadership Program is widely recognized for producing outstanding graduates at all levels, including the 2010 Virginia Secondary Principal of the Year, the 2010 Virginia Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year, and the 2011 Virginia Superintendent of the Year.

Degrees Available

A Master of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies is awarded upon successful completion of the program. For those who already hold a master’s degree, the coursework may be applied toward an Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

Participant Selection

A committee of professors, teachers, principals, central office administrators, and community representatives interviews applicants.

Selection criteria are:
• A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
• At least a 3.0 average on a 4.0 scale for the last two years of undergraduate study
• Commitment to becoming a school principal or supervisor
• Leadership potential
• Teaching experience
• Educational values and professional commitment
• Written and oral communication skills
• Commitment to the program
• Competence in using computers
• A favorable recommendation from the applicant’s division superintendent or designee

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