



General Education (Gen Ed) and Teach for America (TFA) Alternative Certification:

Coursework can be completed at multiple universities.

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Career and Technical Education (CTE) Alternative Certification

Coursework can be completed at multiple universities.

CTE Methods Course:

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Certified Mentoring Program:

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Adolescent Psychology Course:

See Gen Ed & TFA coursework options above.

South Dakota Indian Studies

[Approved 3 credit course options.](#)

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Special Education Alternative Certification:

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- [University of South Dakota](#)
- [University of Sioux Falls](#)

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Administrator - Superintendent Alternative Certification:

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- [University of Sioux Falls](#)
- [University of South Dakota](#)

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Administrator - K-12 Principal Alternative Certification:

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Augustana University - General Education Alternative Certification

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	NAST 320	Native American Social Systems	Online	Summer	3
			On-Campus	Summer, Fall, Spring, Interim	
Classroom Management	EDUC 401	Classroom Management	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	1
Teaching Methods	EDUC 310	Secondary and Middle Level Methods	On-Campus	Fall (odd terms)	3
Student Assessment	EDUC 397	Educational Assessment	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Differentiated Instruction	SPED 240	Teaching in Inclusive Classrooms	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Adolescent Psychology	EDUC 345	Adolescent Development	On-Campus	Fall, Spring, Interim	3

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Black Hills State University - General Education Alternative Certification

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	INED 411/511	South Dakota Indian Studies	Online or On-Campus	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
Classroom Management	EDFN 440	Classroom Management (elementary)	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	1
	SEED 440	Classroom Management (secondary)	Online	Fall, Spring	1
	SEED 508	Planning, Managing, and Assessing the 7-12 Diverse Classroom	On-Campus	Fall	3
Teaching Methods	SPED 420/520	Curriculum & Instructional Strategies K-12	Online	Spring, Summer	3
	MLED 480	Middle Level Methods	Online	Fall, Spring	2
	SEED 4XX	Content Specific Methods	On-Campus	Fall	3
Student Assessment	SEED 508	Planning, Managing, and Assessing the 7-12 Diverse Classroom	Online	Fall	3
	SPED 431/531	Identification and Assessment in SPED	Online	Fall	3
Differentiated Instruction	SPED 100	Intro to Persons with Exceptionalities of Adolescents	Online On-Campus	Fall, Spring Summer	3
	SPED 535	Characteristics & Exceptionalities of Adolescents	Online	Fall, Summer	3
Adolescent Psychology	PSYC 325	Child and Adolescent Development	On-Campus	Fall	3
	EPSY 428	Development - Child & Adolescent	Online	Fall, Spring	3
			On-Campus	Summer	

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Dakota State University - General Education Alternative Certification

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- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * You may have additional courses and/or testing related to endorsement requirements.

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	INED 211	SD American Indian Culture and Education	*see current course catalogue		3
Classroom Management	EDFN 440	Classroom Management	*see current course catalogue		2
Teaching Methods	SEED 302	Secondary and Middle Level content Methods	*see current course catalogue		2
Student Assessment	EDER 415	Educational Assessment	*see current course catalogue		2
Differentiated Instruction	SPED 100	Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities	*see current course catalogue		3
Adolescent Psychology	EPSY 210	Lifespan Development	*see current course catalogue		3

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Dakota Wesleyan University - General Education Alternative Certification

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- * Previously completed coursework can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * You may have additional courses and/or testing related to endorsement requirements.

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	EDU 335	American Indian Education	Online	Summer	3
			On-Campus	Fall, Spring	
Classroom Management	EDU 465	Classroom Management	On-Campus	Spring	3
Teaching Methods	EDU 456	Secondary and Middle Level Teaching Methods	On-Campus	Fall (odd terms)	3
Student Assessment	EDU 435	Curriculum, Standards, and Assessment	On-Campus	Fall	3
Differentiated Instruction	SPD 206	Introduction to Exceptional Students	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Adolescent Psychology	EDU 412	Adolescent Learners' Needs	On-Campus	Fall	3

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Mount Marty College - General Education Alternative Certification

- * No workshop course credits will be accepted.
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- * A minimum of 15 transcribed credits from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of "C" or higher are required to meet the following strands.
- * Previously completed coursework can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * You may have additional courses and/or testing related to endorsement requirements.

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	EDN 360	Indian Education	Online	Summer	3
			On-Campus	Fall	
Classroom Management	EDN 234	Testing, Measurement, and Classroom Management	On-Campus	Spring	3
Teaching Methods	EDN 375	Middle School/Secondary General Methods	On-Campus	Fall	2
Student Assessment	EDN 234	Testing, Measurement, and Classroom Management	On-Campus	Spring	
Differentiated Instruction	EDN 375	Middle School/Secondary General Methods	On-Campus	Fall	
Adolescent Psychology	EDN 156	Child and Adolescent Development	On-Campus	Spring	3
	EDN 233	Educational Psychology	On-Campus	Fall	3
	EDN 266	Middle School/Junior High Education	On-Campus	Spring	2

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Northern State University - General Education Alternative Certification

- * No workshop course credits will be accepted.
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- * Previously completed coursework can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * You may have additional courses and/or testing related to endorsement requirements.

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	INED 411/511	South Dakota Indian Studies	Online	Summer	3
			On-Campus	Fall, Spring	
Classroom Management	EDFN 440/540	Classroom Management	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	2
			On-Campus	Fall, Spring	
Teaching Methods	SEED 400/500	Curriculum and Instruction	Online	Fall, Spring	3
			On-Campus	Fall, Spring	
Student Assessment	EDER 415/515	Educational Assessment	Online	Fall, Spring	2
Differentiated Instruction	EDFN 441	Inclusive Methods for Diverse Learners	Online	Fall, Spring	2
			On-Campus	Fall, Spring	
Adolescent Psychology	EPSY 428/528	Child and Adolescent Development	Online	Summer	3
			On-Campus	Fall, Spring	

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Oglala Lakota College - General Education Alternative Certification

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- * Previously completed coursework can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * You may have additional courses and/or testing related to endorsement requirements.

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	ED 303E	Indian Studies for Education	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
Classroom Management	ExEd 453	Classroom Management	Online	Fall	3
	LKED 473	Seminar for Student Teachers	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Teaching Methods * Must take Educational Psychology and a methods coursework to match your certification endorsement area	ED 313	Educational Psychology	online	Fall	3
	AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS				
	ED 433	Methods of Teaching Language Arts	On-Campus	Spring	3
	EDECH 402	Methods of Music and Art	On-Campus	Fall	2
	EDECH 413	Methods of Teaching EC/Elem Reading	On-Campus	Fall	3
	EDECH 423	Methods of Teaching EC/Elem Math	On-Campus	Fall	3
	EDECH 433	Methods of Teaching EC/Elem Science	On-Campus	Spring	3
	EDECH 453	Methods of Teaching EC/Elem Soc Stud	On-Campus	Spring	3
	EDECH 462	Methods of Teaching Health and Phy Ed	On-Campus	Fall	2
	LKED 453	Methods of Teaching K-12 Lakota Studies	On-Campus		3
	LKED 433	Methods of Teaching Lakota Language	On-Campus		3
	ScED 433	Reading in the Content Area	Online	Fall	3
	ScED 403	Methods of Teaching Secondary Math	On-Campus		3
ScED 413	Methods of Teaching Secondary Science	On-Campus		3	
Student Assessment	ExED 323	Assessment and Practical Applications	On-Campus	Spring	3
Differentiated Instruction	ExED 313	Introduction to Exceptional Education	Online	Fall, Spring	3
	ExED 433	Diagnostic Testing	Online	Summer	3
Adolescent Psychology	ED 323	Adolescent Psychology and Curriculum Concepts	Online	Spring	3

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Sinte Gleska University - General Education Alternative Certification

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- * Previously completed coursework can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * You may have additional courses and/or testing related to endorsement requirements.

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	ED 339	Indian Education (undergraduate)	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
	ED 633	Indigenous Worldview (graduate)	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Classroom Management	SPED 300	Techniques for Managing Behavior	On-Campus	Spring, Summer	3
Teaching Methods	ED 305	Methods of Teaching	Online	Fall, Spring	3
	ED 620	Models of Instruction	Online	Fall, Spring	3
	ED 642	Approaches and Techniques for Teaching Reading - Elementary	Online	Fall, Spring	3
	ED 643	Approaches and Techniques for Teaching Reading - Secondary	Online	Fall, Spring	3
Student Assessment	SPED 420	Special Education Assessment and Transitional Planning	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
	ED 654	Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Differentiated Instruction	ED 449	Psychology and Teaching the Exceptional Child	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
	SPED 200	Intro to Special Education	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
	ED 637	Culturally Responsive Teaching	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Adolescent Psychology	ME 200	Adolescent Psychology	On-Campus	Spring	3

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South Dakota State University - General Education Alternative Certification

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	AIS 211	American Indian Culture	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
Classroom Management	EDFN 352	Teaching and Learning II	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Teaching Methods	SEED 420	5-12 Teaching Methods	Online	Fall	3
Student Assessment	EDFN 453	Teaching and Learning III	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Differentiated Instruction	EDFN 453	Teaching and Learning III	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Adolescent Psychology	HDFS 237	Adolescent Development	Online	Summer	3
			On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3

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University of Sioux Falls (Undergraduate Level) - General Education Alternative Certification

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	EDU 231	Native American Studies for Educators	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Classroom Management	EDU 405	Instructional Management (In conjunction with residency)	Online	Fall, Spring	3
Teaching Methods	EDU 329	Secondary and Middle Level Methods	On-Campus	Fall	4
Student Assessment	EDU 304	Assessment and Evaluation in Classroom	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Differentiated Instruction	EDU 202	Exceptional Students	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Adolescent Psychology	EDU 410	Foundations of Middle School	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	2

University of Sioux Falls (Graduate Level) - General Education Alternative Certification

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	EDU 533	Native American Studies	On-Campus/Online	Fall	3
Classroom Management	EDU 555	Research & Instructional Management	Online	Spring	3
Teaching Methods	EDU 508	Pedagogy for Middle & Secondary Educators	On-Campus	Spring	3
Student Assessment	EDU 526	Educational Psychology & Evaluation	Online	Summer	3
Differentiated Instruction	EDU 515	Exceptional Students	On-Campus	Fall	3
Adolescent Psychology	EDU 526	Educational Psychology & Evaluation	Online	Summer	3

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- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * You may have additional courses and/or testing related to endorsement requirements.

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	INED 411/511	South Dakota Indian Studies	Online	Fall, Summer	3
Classroom Management	SEED 540	Classroom Management	Online	Summer	3
Teaching Methods	SEED 550	Reading and Content Literacy	Online	Summer	3
Student Assessment	SEED 741	<i>7-12 Curriculum and Instruction</i>	Online	Fall, Summer	3
Differentiated Instruction	SEED 741	<i>7-12 Curriculum and Instruction</i>	Online	Fall, Summer	3
Adolescent Psychology	EPSY 735	Child and Adolescent Learning and Development	Online	Spring	3

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Black Hills State University - Special Education Endorsement Alternative Certification

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- * A minimum of 15 transcribed credits from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of "C" or higher are required to meet the following strands.
- * Previously completed coursework in the past 10-years can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * Content Test - Special Education is required in addition to this coursework.

Coursework Strands:		Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
Year-long Special Education Practicum: 6 credits required		SPED 495/695	Practicum in SPED, K-8 (may take twice)	online	Fall, Spring	2
		SPED 495/695	Practicum in SPED, 7-12 (may take twice)	online	Fall, Spring	2
		SPED 495/696	Practicum in SPED, K-12 (may take twice)	online	Fall, Spring	2
Must complete a total of 9 credits meeting all three strands.	Special Education Law	SPED 485/585	Special Education Law	online	Spring	2
	Special Education Assessment	SPED 431/531	Identification and Assessment in SPED	online	Fall, Summer	3
	Special Education-Related Course	SPED 100	Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities	On-Campus	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
				online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
		SPED 406/506	Introduction to Assistive Technology	online	Spring	2
		SPED 410/510	Behavior Management of Exceptional Children	online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
		SPED 413/513	Serving Students with Severe Disabilities	online	Spring, Summer	3
		SPED 417/517	Vocational Transitional Programming	online	Spring, Summer	3
		SPED 420/520	K-12 Curriculum/Instructional Strategies	online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
		SPED 435/535	Characteristics and Exceptionalities of Adolescents	online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
		SPED 453/553	Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders	online	Summer, Fall	3
SPED 460/560	Family Systems and Professional Collaborations	online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3		

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- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * Content Test - Special Education is required in addition to this coursework.

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
Year-long Special Education Practicum: 6 credits required	SPED 795	Practicum in Special Education	On-Campus or other	Fall, Spring	6
Special Education Law: 3 credits required	EDAD 720	Special Education Law for School Administrators	online	Summer	3
Special Education Assessment: 3 credits required	SPED 780	Assessment of Persons with Disabilities	On-Campus	Summer	3
Special Education-Related Course: Choose one from the following for the remaining required 3 credits.	SPED 731	Educating Students with Learning Disabilities	On-Campus	Spring (Odd terms)	3
	SPED 715	Behavior Management	On-Campus	Summer (Odd Terms), Spring (Even terms)	*Register for 3 credits
	SPED 702	Diagnostic Teaching	On-Campus	Summer (Odd terms)	2
			Online (asynchronous)		
			Online (synchronous)		
	SPED 709	Collaborate/Consult in Schools	On-Campus	Summer (Even terms)	2
			Online (asynchronous)		
			Online (synchronous)		
	SPED 703	Educating Persons W/ Exceptional Need	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
			Online (asynchronous)		
			Online (synchronous)		
SPED 711	Ed Students: Cognitive Disabilities	On-Campus	Summer (Even terms)	3	
		Online (asynchronous)			
		Online (synchronous)			
SPED 737	Education: Autism Disorders	On-Campus	Fall (Even terms)	3	
		Online (asynchronous)			
		Online (synchronous)			
SPED 772	Atypical Development 0-5	On-Campus	Spring (Odd terms)	3	
		Online (asynchronous)			
		Online (synchronous)			
SPED 792	Special Topics	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3	

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University of Sioux Falls - Special Education Endorsement Alternative Certification

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- * Previously completed coursework in the past 10-years can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * Pedagogy Test - Principles of Learning and Teaching is required in addition to this coursework.
- * Content Test - Special Education is required in addition to this coursework.

Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Course Name	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
Year-long Special Education Practicum: 6 credits required	EDU 594	Year-long Practicum in Special Education	Online	Fall, Spring	6
Special Education Law: 3 credits required	EDU 591	Special Education Law and Procedures	Online	Summer	3
Special Education Assessment: 3 credits required	EDU 593	Assessment in Special Education	Online	Summer	3
Special Education-Related Course: 3 credits required	EDU 592	Strategic Instruction for Students with Disabilities	Online	Summer	3

Note: All courses are special topics through the Fredrikson School of Education

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University of Sioux Falls - Superintendent Administrator Alternative Certification

- * No workshop course credits will be accepted.
- * All requirements must be completed within five years.
- * A minimum of 21 transcribed credits from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of "C" or higher are required to meet the following strands.
- * Previously completed coursework in the past 10-years can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * South Dakota Indian Studies can be beyond the 10-year coursework restriction.
- * Content Test - School Superintendent is required in addition to this coursework.

Course Name	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
Native American Studies	EDU 533	Hybrid	Every Fall	3
Intro to District-Level Leadership	EDU 600	Hybrid	Summer (even years)	3
School Finance	EDU 620	Hybrid	Summer (odd years)	3
Intergovernmental Relations	EDU 625	Hybrid	Spring (odd years)	3
Internship/Field Experience	EDU 630	Hybrid	Fall (odd years)	3
Curriculum and Assessment for School Districts	EDU 640	Hybrid	Spring (odd years)	3
Administration of Special Education	EDU 645	Hybrid	Spring (even years)	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDU 533	EDU 600	EDU 620	EDU 625	EDU 630	EDU 640	EDU 645
Strand 1: Leadership and District Culture		X			X		
Strand 2: Organizational Management			X	X	X		
Strand 3: Values of Ethics of Leadership		X			X		
Strand 4: Educational Policy and Law		X	X	X	X		X
Strand 5: Communication		X	X		X	X	
Strand 6: Community Relations		X		X	X		
Strand 7: Curriculum Planning and Development					X	X	
Strand 8: School Finance			X		X		
Strand 9: Instructional Management		X			X	X	
South Dakota Indian Studies	X						

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University of South Dakota - Superintendent Administrator Alternative Certification

- * No workshop course credits will be accepted.
- * All requirements must be completed within five years.
- * A minimum of 21 transcripted credits from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of "C" or higher are required to meet the following strands.
- * Previously completed coursework in the past 10-years can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * South Dakota Indian Studies can be beyond the 10-year coursework restriction.
- * Content Test - School Superintendent is required in addition to this coursework.

Course Name	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
School District Leadership	EDAD 750	Online	Once per year	3
School Business Leadership	EDAD 754	Online	Once per year	3
Human Resources and Community Leadership	EDAD 760	Online	Once per year	3
Public School Finance	EDAD 775	Online	Once per year	3
Superintendent Capstone	EDAD 786	Online	Once per year	3
Internship/Field Experience (Ed.S.)	EDAD 894S	Online *With on-site supervision	Once per year between August 1-May 1	3
South Dakota Indian Studies	EDAD 411/511	Online	Once per year	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDAD 750	EDAD 754	EDAD 760	EDAD 775	EDAD 786	EDAD 894S	EDAD 411/511
Strand 1: Leadership and District Culture	X					X	
Strand 2: Organizational Management		X				X	
Strand 3: Values of Ethics of Leadership			X		X	X	
Strand 4: Educational Policy and Law	X				X	X	
Strand 5: Communication			X			X	
Strand 6: Community Relations			X			X	
Strand 7: Curriculum Planning and Development	X					X	
Strand 8: School Finance		X		X		X	
Strand 9: Instructional Management	X	X				X	
South Dakota Indian Studies							X

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Dakota Wesleyan University - Principal Administrator Alternative Certification

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Course Name	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
School Improvement	EDU 615	online	Summer	3
Educational Leadership	EDU 659	online	Spring	3
Educational Administration	EDU 673	online	Fall	3
Education Law	EDU 675	online	Summer	3
Instructional Supervision	EDU 677	online	Fall	3
Internship	EDU 693	online	Fall, Spring	3
American Indian History and Culture	EDU 335/635	online	Summer	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDU 615	EDU 659	EDU 673	EDU 675	EDU 677	EDU 693	EDU 335/635
Strand 1: Instructional Leadership					X	X	
Strand 2: Ethical and Inclusive Leadership		X	X			X	
Strand 3: Cognitive Coaching/Facilitation Skills					X	X	
Strand 4: Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment		X				X	
Strand 5: Process Management	X	X	X		X	X	
Strand 6: Systems Management	X		X			X	
Strand 7: Educational Policy and Law				X			
South Dakota Indian Studies							X

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Models of Educational Leadership	EDAD 700	online	Fall	3
Theoretical and Practical Framework for Instructional Leadership	EDAD 715	online	Spring	3
The Principalship: Theory & Practice	EDAD 725	online	Summer	3
School Law	EDAD 735	online	Spring	3
Organizational Behavior for Student Development	EDAD 745	online	Summer	3
Data Driven Decision Making	EDAD 511	online	Summer	3
South Dakota Indian Studies	EDER 765	online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDAD 715	EDAD 700	EDAD 725	EDAD 735	EDAD 745	EDAD 511	EDER 765
Strand 1: Instructional Leadership	X	X	X				
Strand 2: Ethical and Inclusive Leadership		X			X		
Strand 3: Cognitive Coaching/Facilitation Skills	X		X				
Strand 4: Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment			X		X		
Strand 5: Process Management			X		X		X
Strand 6: Systems Management	X		X				X
Strand 7: Educational Policy and Law				X			
South Dakota Indian Studies						X	

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Course Name	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	
Introduction to Research	EDER 610	Online	Summer	3
Advanced Pedagogy	EDFN 600	Online	Fall	3
Education in a Pluralistic Society	EDFN 725	Online	Summer	3
Current Issues in Education	EDFN 730	Online	Summer	3
Advanced Educational Psychology	EPSY 740	Online	Spring	3
Introduction to School Administration	EDAD 705	Online	Fall	3
Supervision	EDAD 706	Online	Fall	3
School Finance	EDAD 731	Online	Summer	2
Educational Law and Legislation	EDAD 736	Online	Summer	3
Community and Public Relations	EDAD 741	Online	Spring	3
Internship	EDFN 794	Field Experience	Fall, Spring	1-6
Capstone	EDFN 790	Online	Spring	1
South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education	AIS 211	On-Campus or Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3

	Course Numbers										
Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	EDFN 600	EDAD 706	EDER 610	EDFN 725	EDAD 731	EDFN 730	EPSY 740	EDAD 705	EDAD 741	EDAD 736	AIS 211
Strand 1: Instructional Leadership	X	X	X								
Strand 2: Ethical and Inclusive Leadership				X							
Strand 3: Cognitive Coaching/Facilitation Skills					X						
Strand 4: Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment						X	X				
Strand 5: Process Management								X			
Strand 6: Systems Management									X		
Strand 7: Educational Policy and Law										X	
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Course Name	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
Professional and Ethical Leadership	EDU 501	online	every summer	3
Curriculum Development and Design/K-12 Internship	EDU 523	hybrid	every fall	3
Legal Foundations of Education	EDU 531	online	every summer	3
School Law Applications for Student Discipline and Staff Development/Internship	EDU 532	hybrid	every spring	3
Native American Studies	EDU 533	hybrid	every fall	3
Professional, Student, and Staff Development	EDU 551	online	every summer	3
Critical Issues Research Seminar/Internship	EDU 589	hybrid	every year over two semesters fall/spring	4

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDU 501	EDU 523	EDU 531	EDU 532	EDU 533	EDU 551	EDU 589
Strand 1: Instructional Leadership		X				X	X
Strand 2: Ethical and Inclusive Leadership	X	X		X			
Strand 3: Cognitive Coaching/Facilitation Skills				X		X	
Strand 4: Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment				X			X
Strand 5: Process Management		X					X
Strand 6: Systems Management		X		X			
Strand 7: Educational Policy and Law			X	X			
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Course Name	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
Principal Leadership	EDAD 710	online	at least once per year	3
Instructional Leadership	EDAD 714	online	at least once per year during fall/spring only	3
Curriculum Leadership	EDAD 716	online	at least once per year	3
School Law	EDAD 735	online	at least once per year	3
Leading School Improvement	EDAD 742	online	at least once per year during fall/spring only	3
Internship/Field Experience (M.A.)	EDAD 794	online *with on-site supervision	two semesters- fall and spring	3
South Dakota Indian Studies	INED 411/511	online	at least once per year	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDAD 710	EDAD 714	EDAD 716	EDAD 735	EDAD 742	EDAD 794	INED (411/511)
Strand 1: Instructional Leadership		X	X			X	
Strand 2: Ethical and Inclusive Leadership			X			X	
Strand 3: Cognitive Coaching/Facilitation Skills		X				X	
Strand 4: Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment	X					X	
Strand 5: Process Management	X				X	X	
Strand 6: Systems Management					X	X	
Strand 7: Educational Policy and Law				X			
South Dakota Indian Studies							X

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