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

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Career and Technical Education (CTE) Alternative Certification

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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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Administrator Alternative Certification - Superintendent

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Administrator Alternative Certification - K-12 Principal

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	NAST 320	Native American Studies	On Campus; Online	Fall, Spring, Summer Online	3
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
	EDUC 335	Content Area Literacy	Online	Fall ONLY	3
Student Assessment	EDUC 375	Educational Assessment	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Differentiated Instruction	SPED 120	Introduction to Special Education	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Adolescent Psychology	EDUC 345	Adolescent Development	On-Campus	Fall, Spring, Interim	3
	PSYC 210	Lifespan Human Development	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	INED 411/511	South Dakota Indian Studies	Online	Summer, Fall, and Spring	3
Classroom Management	SEED 440	Classroom Management (secondary)	Online	Fall and Spring	1
Teaching Methods	MLED 480	Middle Level Methods	Online	Fall and Spring	2
Student Assessment	SPED 431	Identification and Assessment in Special Education	Online <i>*Need preapproval from Field Experience Director</i>	Fall	3
Differentiated Instruction	SPED 100	Intro to Persons with Exceptionalities	Online	Fall and Spring	3
Adolescent Psychology	EPSY 428	Child & Adolescent Development	Online	Fall and Spring	3

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	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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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	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 University - General Education Alternative Certification - ARSD 24:28:11

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	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	3
Differentiated Instruction	EDN 374	Middle School/Secondary General Methods	On-Campus	Fall	3
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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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	INED 411/511	South Dakota Indian Studies	Hy-Flex/Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
Classroom Management	EDFN 440/540	Classroom Management	Hy-Flex/Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	2
Teaching Methods	SEED 400/500	Middle and Secondary Curr & Instruction	Hy-Flex/Online	Fall, Spring	3
Student Assessment	EDER 415/515	Educational Assessment	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	2
Differentiated Instruction	SPED 704	Inclusive Education (Graduate Level)	Online	Fall, Spring	3
	SPED 441	Inclusive Methods for Diverse Learners	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	2
Adolescent Psychology	EPSY 428/528	Child and Adolescent Development	F2F/Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3

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Oglala Lakota College - General Education Alternative Certification - ARSD 24:28:11

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	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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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	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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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	AIS 211	SD American Indian Culture & Ed	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
Classroom Management	EDFN 725	Motivation in the Classroom	Online	Summer	3
Teaching Methods	SEED 420	5-12 Teaching Methods	Online	Fall	3
Student Assessment	ELED 230	Assessment & Classroom Management	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
Differentiated Instruction	SPED 100	Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities	On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3
	EDFN 700	Exceptional Learners	Online	Fall	3
Adolescent Psychology	EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Ed Contexts	Online	Summer	3
			On-Campus	Fall, Spring	3

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	EDU 533	Native American Studies	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	Spring	3
Differentiated Instruction	EDU 515	Exceptional Students	On-Campus	Fall	3
Adolescent Psychology	EDU 526	Educational Psychology & Evaluation <i>*course will meet both strands but credits are only</i>	Online	****	****

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Coursework Strands:	Course Number	Approved Courses	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
South Dakota Indian Studies	INED 411/511	South Dakota Indian Studies	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
Classroom Management	SEED 540	Classroom Management	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
Teaching Methods	SEED 550	Reading and Content Literacy	Online	Fall	3
Student Assessment	SEED 741	7-12 Curriculum and Instruction	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
Differentiated Instruction	SEED 741	7-12 Curriculum and Instruction <i>*course will meet both strands but credits are only counted once</i>	Online	****	***
Adolescent Psychology	EPSY 735	Child and Adolescent Learning and Development	Online	Spring	3

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Augustana University - Special Education Endorsement - Alternative Certification - ARSD 24:28:14

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- * Previously completed coursework in the past 10-years can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * Testing requirements will be determined with first application and will be determined based on current preparation, prior teaching experience and level of endorsement requested.
 - * 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	Approved Course	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
Year-long Special Education Practicum: 6 credits required		SPED 651 and 652	SPED Practicum #1 and SPED Practicum #2	In the field	Fall/Spring	6
Must complete a total of 9 credits meeting all three strands.	Special Education Law:	SPED 622	SPED Law and Leadership	Online	Summer	3
	Special Education Assessment:	SPED 641	Assessment in SPED	Online	Fall/Spring	3
	Special Education-Related Course: 3 credits required--choose <u>one</u> from the following	SPED 621	Collaboration with Families and Professionals	Online	Fall/Spring	3
		SPED 640	Classroom and Behavior Management	Online	Summer	3
	SPED 642	Methods for Working with Students with Disabilities	Online	Fall/Spring	3	

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 - * Content Test - Special Education is required in addition to this coursework.

Coursework Strands:		Course Number	Approved Course	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 <i>*choose one or more of the following:</i>	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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- * Previously completed coursework in the past 10-years can be considered, with submission of an official transcript.
- * Testing requirements will be determined with first application and will be determined based on current preparation, prior teaching experience and level of endorsement requested.
 - * 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	Approved Course	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
Year-long Special Education Practicum: 6 credits required		SPED 795	Practicum	Other	Fall/Spring/Summer	6
Must complete a total of 9 credits meeting all three strands.	Special Education Law	SPED 720	Special Education Law for School Admins	Online	Summer	3
	Special Education Assessment	SPED 531	Identification and Assessment in Special Education	Hy-Flex	Fall	3
	Special Education-Related Course	SPED 704	Inclusive Education	Online	Fall/Summer	3

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South Dakota State University - Special Education Endorsement - Alternative Certification - ARSD 24:28:14

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Coursework Strands:		Course Number	Approved Course	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits
Year-long Special Education Practicum: 6 credits required		SPED 495 & EDFN 454	Special Education Practicum & Teaching and Learning IV: Student Teaching	Off Campus	Fall, Spring	1 & 11
Must complete a total of 9 credits meeting all three strands.	Special Education Law	SPED 485	Special Education Law	On Campus	Spring	3
	Special Education Assessment	SPED 431	Identification & Assessment in Special Education	On Campus	Spring	3
	Special Education-Related Course <i>*choose one or more of the following:</i>	SPED 100	Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities	On Campus	Fall, Spring	3
		SPED 330	Language Development & Assistive Technology	On Campus	Fall	3
		SPED 410	Behavior Management of Exceptional Children	On Campus	Fall	3
		SPED 460	Family Systems & Professional Collaborations	On Campus	Fall	3
		SPED 380	Neurodiversity	On Campus	Fall	3
		SPED 420	K-12 Curriculum & Instructional Strategies	On Campus	Spring	3
SPED 413	Serving Students with Severe Disabilities	On Campus	Spring	3		

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 - * Content Test - Special Education is required in addition to this coursework.

Coursework Strands:		Course Number	Approved Course	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
Must complete a total of 9 credits meeting all three strands.	Special Education Law	EDU 591	Special Education Law and Procedures	Online	Summer	3
	Special Education Assessment	EDU 593	Assessment in Special Education	Online	Summer	3
	Special Education-Related Course	EDU 592	Strategic instruction for Students with Disabilities	Online	Summer	3

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University of South Dakota - Special Education Endorsement - Alternative Certification - ARSD 24:28:14

- * SD valid professional or advanced teaching certificate and 3-years of teaching experience in the past five years is required.
- * Employment in SD school district of department-accredited school is required.
- * Yearly SD Educator Certification Application and proof of progress is required.
- * No workshop course credits will be accepted.
- * 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.
- * Testing requirements will be determined with first application and will be determined based on current preparation, prior teaching experience and level of endorsement requested.
 - * 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	Approved Course	Method	Session Offered	Total Credits	
Year-long Special Education Practicum: 6 credits required	SPED 795	Practicum in Special Education	Online	Fall, Spring	6	
Must complete a total of 9 credits meeting all three strands.	Special Education Law	EDAD 720	Special Education Law for School Administrators	Online	Summer	3
	Special Education Assessment	SPED 780	Assessment of Persons with Disabilities	Online	Summer	3
	Special Education-Related Course <i>*choose one or more of the following:</i>	SPED 517	Vocational-Transitional Programming	Online	Fall	2 to 3
		SPED 702	Diagnostic Teaching	Online	Summer	3
		SPED 703	Education of Persons with Exceptional Needs	Online	Spring	3
		SPED 709	Special Education Collaboration or Consultation in the Schools	Online	Summer	3
		SPED 711	Educating Students with Cognitive Disabilities	Online	Fall	3
		SPED 715	Behavior Management	Online	Spring	3
		SPED 731	Educating Students with Learning Disabilities	Online	Fall	3
		SPED 737	Educating Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders	Online	Spring	3
SPED 792	Topics	Online, Face-to-Face, HyFlex, Hybrid	Summer, Fall, Spring	1 to 3		

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- * Employment as a superintendent in SD school district of department-accredited school is required.
- * Yearly SD Educator Certification Application and proof of progress is required.
- * No workshop course credits will be accepted.
- * 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 - Praxis "School Superintendent Assessment (SSA) (6991)" is required in addition to this coursework.

Approved Course	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
Native American Studies	AIS 211	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3
School Finance	EDAD 731	Online		3

	Course Numbers		
Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	AIS 211	EDAD 731	
Strand 1: Leadership and District Culture			Must complete all strands. Coursework can be completed at multiple universities.
Strand 2: Organizational Management			
Strand 3: Values of Ethics of Leadership			
Strand 4: Educational Policy and Law			
Strand 5: Communication			
Strand 6: Community Relations			
Strand 7: Curriculum Planning and Development			
Strand 8: School Finance		x	
Strand 9: Instructional Management			
South Dakota Indian Studies	x		

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University of Sioux Falls - Superintendent Endorsement - Administrator Alternative Certification - 24:28:15

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Approved Course	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
Native American Studies	EDU 533	Online	Every Fall	3
Intro to District-Level Leadership	EDU 600	Online	Summer (even years)	3
School Finance for District-Level Leaders	EDU 620	Hybrid	Summer (odd years)	3
Intergovernmental Relations	EDU 625	Hybrid	Spring (odd years)	3
Internship/Field Experience	EDU 695 & EDU 696	Hybrid	Fall (odd years)-Spring (even years)	3, 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 695, EDU 696	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 Endorsement - Administrator Alternative Certification - 24:28:15

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- * Content Test - Praxis "School Superintendent Assessment (SSA) (6991)" is required in addition to this coursework.

Approved Course	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
Native American Studies (South Dakota Indian Studies)	EDAD 411/511	online	once per year	3
Intro to District-Level Leadership (School District Leadership)	EDAD 750	online	once per year	3
School Finance (Public School Finance)	EDAD 775	online	once per year	3
Intergovernmental Relations (Policy and Law for Educational Leaders)	EDAD 786	online	once per year	3
Curriculum and Assessment for School Districts (Curriculum Leadership)	EDAD 716	online	once per year	3
Administration of Special Education (Special Education Law for School Administrators)	EDAD 720	online	once per year	3
School Facilities Leadership	EDAD 765	online	once per year	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDAD 411/511	EDAD 750	EDAD 775	EDAD 786	EDAD 716	EDAD 720	EDAD 765
Strand 1: Leadership and District Culture		X					X
Strand 2: Organizational Management							
Strand 3: Values of Ethics of Leadership				X			
Strand 4: Educational Policy and Law		X		X		X	X
Strand 5: Communication		X					
Strand 6: Community Relations		X					
Strand 7: Curriculum Planning and Development					X		
Strand 8: School Finance			X				
Strand 9: Instructional Management		X			X		
South Dakota Indian Studies	X						

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Dakota Wesleyan University - Principal Endorsement - Administrator Alternative Certification - 24:28:15

- * Employment as a superintendent in SD school district of department-accredited school is required.
- * Yearly SD Educator Certification Application and proof of progress is required.
- * No workshop course credits will be accepted.
- * All requirements must be completed within five years.
- * A minimum of 18 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 - Praxis "School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) (6990)" is required in addition to this coursework.

Approved Course	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
School Improvement	EDU 615	Online	Summer	3
Educational Leadership	EDU 659	Online	Summer	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	Hybrid	Fall, Spring	3
American Indian History and Culture	EDU 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 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		X	
South Dakota Indian Studies							X

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Northern State University - Principal Endorsement - Administrator Alternative Certification - 24:28:15

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Approved Course	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
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	EDER 765	online	Summer	3
South Dakota Indian Studies	INED 511	Hy-Flex/online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDAD 700	EDAD 715	EDAD 725	EDAD 735	EDAD 745	EDER 765	INED 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			X	
Strand 7: Educational Policy and Law				X			
South Dakota Indian Studies							X

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Approved Course	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
School Finance and Budgeting	EDAD 731	Online	Summer	3
School-Community Relations	EDAD 741	Online	Spring	3
School Principalship	EDAD 705	Online	Fall	3
School Law and Ethics	EDAD 736	Online	Summer	3
Instructional Leadership Development	EDAD 706	Online	Fall	3
Internship	EDAD 794	Off Campus	Fall, Spring	3
South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education	AIS 211	Online	Fall, Spring, Summer	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDAD 731	EDAD 741	EDAD 705	EDAD 736	EDAD 706	EDAD 794	AIS 211
Strand 1: Instructional Leadership			x		x	x	
Strand 2: Ethical and Inclusive Leadership		x	x	x		x	
Strand 3: Cognitive Coaching/Facilitation Skills			x		x	x	
Strand 4: Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment		x	x			x	
Strand 5: Process Management	x		x			x	
Strand 6: Systems Management	x		x			x	
Strand 7: Educational Policy and Law				x		x	
South Dakota Indian Studies						x	x

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Approved Course	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
Professional and Ethical Leadership	EDU 501	Online	Summer	3
School Leader Internship A	EDU 595	Hybrid	Fall	3
School Leader Internship B	EDU 596	Hybrid	Spring	3
Legal Foundations of Education	EDU 531	Online	Summer	3
Professional, Student and Staff Development	EDU 551	Online	Summer	3
Critical Issues Research Seminar/Internship	EDU 589	Hybrid	Fall-Spring	2, 2
Native American Studies	EDU 533	Online	Fall	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers						
	EDU 501	EDU 595	EDU 596	EDU 531	EDU 551	EDU 589	EDU 533
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			x	
Strand 7: Educational Policy and Law			x	x			
South Dakota Indian Studies							x

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Approved Course	Course Number	Method	Session Offered	Credits
School Improvement (Leading School Improvement)	EDAD 742	online	at least once per year during fall/spring only	3
Educational Leadership (Educational Leadership)	EDAD 701	online	at least once per year	3
Educational Administration (Principal and Equity Leadership)	EDAD 710	online	at least once per year	3
Education Law (School Law)	EDAD 735	online	at least once per year	3
Instructional Supervision (Instructional Leadership)	EDAD 714	online	at least once per year during fall/spring only	3
American Indian History and Culture	INED 411/511	online	at least once per year	3

Coursework Strands (all strands must be met)	Course Numbers					
	EDAD 742	EDAD 701	EDAD 710	EDAD 735	EDAD 714	INED 411/511
Strand 1: Instructional Leadership			X		X	
Strand 2: Ethical and Inclusive Leadership		X	X			
Strand 3: Cognitive Coaching/Facilitation Skills					X	
Strand 4: Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment			X			
Strand 5: Process Management			X			
Strand 6: Systems Management	X					
Strand 7: Educational Policy and Law				X		
South Dakota Indian Studies						X

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