

K-12 PRINCIPAL ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION

DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Coursework requirements must include courses from each Strand totaling 18 or more credits

Strand 1	Instructional Leadership						
Strand 2	Ethical and Inclusive Leadership						
Strand 3	Cognitive Coaching/Facilitation Skills						
Strand 4	Creating a Safe and Inclusive Environment						
Strand 5	Process Management						
Strand 6	Systems Management						
Strand 7	Educational Policy and Law						
SDIS	South Dakota Indian Studies						
Courses Meeting the Requirement	EDU 615 (3 Credits)	EDU 659 (3 Credits)	EDU 673 (3 Credits)	EDU 675 (3 Credits)	EDU 677 (3 Credits)	EDU 693 (3 Credits)	EDU 335/635 (3 Credits)
Strand 1					X	X	
Strand 2		X	X			X	
Strand 3					X	X	
Strand 4		X				X	
Strand 5	X	X	X		X	X	
Strand 6	X		X			X	
Strand 7				X			
SDIS							X

Total Required Credits through Dakota Wesleyan University: 21

Course Number	Course Name	University Course Description	Method	Sessions Offered	Total Credits
EDU 615	School Improvement	This course is a study of the school improvement process designed to equip educational leaders with the knowledge and skills to facilitate sustainable, systemic school improvement.	Online	Summer	3
EDU 659	Educational Leadership	This course examines the day-to-day management of learning environments. Topics include classic organizational theory, traditional administrative and governance models, campus climate and culture, project management, collaboration in the community, leadership analysis, ethics, educational advocacy and other management principles.	Online	Spring	3
EDU 673	Educational Administration	Educational Administration continues to be in a state of flux as school districts explore varying models of effective administration and leadership. With reference to the most commonly designed instructions, educational administration will be introduced to students. Specific coverage of how principals' function in the elementary school setting will be explored. The dynamics of secondary school administration and their similarities and differences to elementary will be researched and studied. Current trends, both in general administration and assessment and evaluation add to this exhaustive study of educational administration.	Online	Fall	3
EDU 675	Education Law	This course is an intensive study of associated school law in the state of South Dakota and federal legal procedure and protocol.	Online	Summer	3
EDU 677	Instructional Supervision	The role of the educational leader in instructional supervision continues to change. This course fully explores current research in providing effective instructional supervision.	Online	Fall	3
EDU 693	Internship	Candidates will intern with a school administrator with appropriate evaluation and university supervision. The internship must include all job responsibilities of the principalship, and time spent in both the elementary and secondary levels.	Online	Fall, Spring	3
EDU 635	American Indian History and Culture	This course, designed for prospective and experienced teachers, introduces the concept and methodology of bicultural education and its relationship to American Indian education. Students will discuss a variety of skills and information necessary for success in working with culturally different children. The course is designed to meet the South Dakota certification requirement in American Indian studies.	Online	Summer	3