The University of Texas at Tyler
College of Education and Psychology
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
EDLR 5313 Critical Issues in Educational Leadership

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Course Catalog Description:

An inquiry into critical issues in educational leadership. This course engages students in a systematic exploration of critical issues in educational leadership through a formal inquiry-based approach.

Student Learning Outcomes & Assessments

Program Outcomes

The student will be able to:

1. Shape campus culture by developing a shared vision.
2. Communicate and collaborate with stakeholders to promote student success.
3. Act with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical and legal manner.
5. Advocate, sustain instructional program conducive to student learning and professional development.
6. Implement staff evaluation and development system.
7. Apply leadership and management principles.
8. Promote safe physical plant.
Course Student Outcomes:

1. Communicate and collaborate with all members of the school community, responds to diverse interests and needs, and mobilizes resources to promote student success.

2. Design and implementation of curricula and strategic plans that enhance teaching and learning; ensure alignment of curriculum, instruction, resources, and assessment; and promote the use of varied assessments to measure student performance.
   - facilitate the use of sound, research-based practice
   - facilitate the use of technology, telecommunications, and information systems
   - promote the use of creative thinking, critical thinking, and problem solving

3. Apply leadership and management principles.
   - implement procedures for gathering, analyzing, and using data
   - frame, analyze, and resolve problems using appropriate problem-solving techniques and decision-making skills.

EDLR 5313 is an integral component of the Educational Leadership Program. Student Learning Outcomes for 5313 are derived from the Student Learning Outcomes for the Educational Leadership Program. These outcomes are infused into the internship experience and assessed in the TExES required for all students who are awarded a Texas Principal’s Certificate.

Assessment Specifics & Assignments

Final Grade Calculations
A = 90% - 100% of points available
B = 80% - 89% of points available
C = 70% - 79% of points available

All assignments must be completed by midnight on Sunday night. All assignments are expected to be completed at graduate level quality and adhere to the stated assignment criteria. Assignments not meeting graduate level quality and require the student to redo and resubmit will be adjusted by 10%.

Late assignments will only be accepted with prior permission of the instructor and will be subject to a penalty of 10% and an additional 10% will be deducted for each week the assignment is past due. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your assignment as sometimes technology and online systems do not always cooperate. Please do not hesitate to email your instructor if you need help, clarification, or extra time.

Teaching Strategies

EDLR 5313 utilizes 100% online instruction through UT BlackBoard. Instructor uses lecture format with group process and constructive learning experience in an electronic environment. Since the class is exclusively online, the instructor will serve as a facilitator of knowledge on critical issues in Educational Leadership. The instructor will utilize online discussions, presentations, videos, independent practices, and inquiry-based strategies to explore the theory,
practice, and reform of education in the United States.

**Related Field Experiences**
This course provides background context to support a successful internship experience.

**Required Text and Related Readings**

**Textbooks:**

ISBN: 978-1442223691

**Text Statement:** A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**Course Policies**
Expectations for individual and group responsible contributions are the same as you would expect for your students. As a professional educator, therefore, be polite and respectful of others; be attentive to timelines and assignments requirements; read and listen carefully; and think critically. There are no provisions for making-up quizzes or assignments.

**Student Travel Policy**
Since coursework for EDLR online classes can be attended to from any location with internet access, students are responsible for meeting class responsibilities regardless of travel choices. Travel during the scheduled semester is a student choice, and no provisions will be made to excuse students from published assignments or alter course assignment schedules.

**University Policies**

**Code of Conduct**

**UT Tyler Academic Dishonesty Policy:**
At the University of Texas at Tyler, students and faculty are responsible for maintaining an environment that encourages academic integrity. Students and faculty members are required to report an observed or a suspected case of academic dishonesty immediately to the faculty member in charge of an examination, classroom or laboratory research project, or other academic exercise.

Since the value of an academic degree depends on the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for the degree, it is imperative that a student maintains a high standard of individual

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honor in his/her scholastic work. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion:

“Cheating” includes:

1. Copying from the paper of another student, engaging in written, oral or any other means of communication with another student, or giving aid to or seeking aid from another student when not permitted by the instructor;
2. Using material during an examination or when completing an assignment that is not authorized by the person giving the examination or making the work assignment;
3. Taking or attempting to take an examination for another student, or allowing another student to take an examination for oneself;
4. Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means, the whole or any part of an unadministered examination or work assignment.

“Plagiarism” includes the unacknowledged incorporation of the work of another person in work that a student offers for credit.

“Collusion” includes the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work that a student offers for credit.

**Students Rights and Responsibilities**

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: [http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php](http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php)

**Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies**

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at [http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar](http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar). Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar. Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)

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- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy
Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability Services
In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance
Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities
If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement
It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation
Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s
directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform
your instructor in the first week of class.

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**Vision**
The College of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its
academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of academic excellence, scholarly inquiry,
and public service. The College prepares leaders to meet the critical challenges of the 21st
Century, to make significant contributions to local and global communities, and to work toward
individual and cultural equity.

**Mission**
The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide a positive environment
that fosters the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The mission is individually and collectively
realized through a community of scholars that contributes to knowledge through scholarly
inquiry; organizes knowledge for application, understanding and communication; and provides
leadership and service. Additionally, the College is committed to affirming and promoting global
perspectives, cultural diversity, and respect for individual differences as a means of enhancing
learning, service, and scholarship.