Instructor Information

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Course Catalog Description

The student will participate and reflect on their leadership and management experiences under the direction of a campus principal in preparation for the Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) principal certification exam (068). Eighty hours of coursework is required: 45 hours interning as a school administrator, 17.5 hours reading the textbook, and 17.5 hours writing the eJournal entries. The student and campus principal will determine leadership and management internship activities. The university instructor has final approval of all activities.

Student Learning Outcomes & Assessments

Program Outcomes

- The student will be able to:
  - Shape campus culture by developing a shared vision.
  - Communicate and collaborate with stakeholders to promote student success.
  - Act with integrity, fairness and in an ethical and legal manner.
  - Design curriculum, instruction, and assessment for student performance.
  - Advocate, sustain instructional program conducive to student learning and professional development.
  - Implement staff evaluation and development system.
  - Apply leadership and management principles.
  - Promote a safe physical plant.
Course Outcomes (Aligned to the Texas Education Agency’s new Principal Standards):

- Standard 1 – Instructional Leadership. The leader is responsible for ensuring every student receives high-quality instruction.
  - (A) Knowledge and skills.
    - (i) Effective instructional leaders:
      - (I) prioritize instruction and student achievement by developing and sharing a clear definition of high-quality instruction based on best practices from research;
      - (II) implement a rigorous curriculum aligned with state standards;
      - (III) analyze the curriculum to ensure that teachers align content across grades and that curricular scopes and sequences meet the particular needs of their diverse student populations;
      - (IV) model instructional strategies and set expectations for the content, rigor, and structure of lessons and unit plans; and
      - (V) dedicate a part of each day to monitoring and improving instruction by visiting classrooms, giving formative feedback to teachers, and attending grade or team meetings.

- Standard 2 – Human Capital. The leader is responsible for ensuring there are high-quality teachers and staff in every classroom and throughout the school.
  - (A) Knowledge and skills.
    - (i) Effective leaders of human capital:
      - (I) treat faculty/staff members as their most valuable resource and invest in the development, support, and supervision of the staff;
      - (II) ensure all staff have clear goals and expectations that guide them and against which they are assessed;
      - (III) are strategic in selecting and hiring candidates whose vision aligns with the schools' vision and whose skills match the schools' needs;
      - (VI) create opportunities for effective teachers and staff to take on a variety of leadership roles and delegate responsibilities to staff and administrators on the leadership team; and
      - (VII) use data from multiple points of the year to complete accurate evaluations of all staff, using evidence from regular observations, student data, and other sources to rate the effectiveness of teachers and staff.

- Standard 3 – Executive Leadership. The leader is responsible for modeling a consistent focus and personal responsibility for improving student outcomes.
  - (A) Knowledge and skills.
    - (i) Effective executive leaders:
      - (I) take personal responsibility for the success of the school;
      - (II) motivate the school community by modeling a relentless pursuit of excellence;
      - (III) are reflective in their practice and strive to continually improve, learn, and grow;
      - (IV) acknowledge mistakes while remaining focused on solutions and are not stymied by challenges or setbacks. When a strategy fails, these leaders analyze data, assess implementation, and talk with stakeholders to understand what went wrong and how to adapt strategies moving forward;
      - (V) keep staff inspired and focused on the end goal even as they support effective change management;

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- (VI) have strong communication skills;
- (VII) understand how to communicate a message in different ways to meet the needs of various audiences;
- (VIII) are willing to listen to others and create opportunities for staff and stakeholders to provide feedback; and
- (IX) treat all members of the community with respect and develop strong, positive relationships with them.

Standard 4 – School Culture. The leader is responsible for establishing and implementing a shared vision and culture of high expectations for all students.

- (A) Knowledge and skills.
  - (i) Effective culture leaders:
    - (I) leverage school culture to drive improved outcomes and create high expectations;
    - (II) establish and implement a shared vision of high achievement for all students and use that vision as the foundation for key decisions and priorities for the school. The vision is translated into values and expectations for both adult and student behavior that are consistently communicated and monitored;
    - (III) regularly reinforce expectations, holding adults and students to consistent consequences when expectations are not met and acknowledging when they are;
    - (IV) focus on students’ social and emotional development and help students develop resiliency and self-advocacy skills; and
    - (V) treat families as key partners to support student learning, creating structures for two-way communication and regular updates on student progress. Regular opportunities exist for both families and the community to engage with the school and participate in school functions.

Standard 5 – Strategic Operations. The leader is responsible for implementing systems that align with the school’s vision and improve the quality of instruction.

- (A) Knowledge and skills.
  - (i) Effective leaders of strategic operations:
    - (I) assess the current needs of their schools, reviewing a wide set of evidence to determine the schools’ priorities and set ambitious and measurable school goals, targets, and strategies that form the schools’ strategic plans;
    - (II) with their leadership teams, regularly monitor multiple data points to evaluate progress toward goals, adjusting strategies that are proving ineffective;
    - (III) develop a year-long calendar and a daily schedule that strategically use time to both maximize instructional time and to create regular time for teacher collaboration and data review;
    - (IV) are deliberate in the allocation of resources (e.g., staff time, dollars, and tools), aligning them to the school priorities and goals, and work to access additional resources as needed to support learning; and
    - (V) treat central office staff as partners in achieving goals and collaborate with staff throughout the district to adapt policies as needed to meet the needs of students and staff.
### Course Modules with Dates Available & Assignment Due Dates

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### Evaluation & Grading

- **Intern Introduction Packet**
  - Refer to “Practicum in Principalship III EDLR 5272 Introduction Packet” in Appendix 1 for instructions on securing your mentor and arranging activities.
  - Intern Introduction Packet is **not** graded.

- **Reading Assignments**
  - Passing the Principal TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and School Leadership (2nd ed.) is the required textbook.
  - Reading assignments are **not** graded.

- **Practice Quizzes**
  - Practice Quizzes are **not** graded.

- **eJournal Entries**
  - Refer to “eJournal Entries” in Appendix 2 for instructions, formatting, and scoring.
  - eJournal Entries are graded as **1 (Credit)/0 (No Credit)**.
Assessment Specifics & Assignments

- **Intern Introduction Packet**  No point value
- **Reading Assignments**  No point value
- **Practice Quizzes**  No point value
- **eJournal Entries**  1 (Credit)/0 (No Credit)

Final Grade Calculations

- **CR (Credit)**
  - Completion of all eJournal Entries and taking the TExES Principal Certification Exam (068) before the end of the semester. However, students do not have to pass the TExES Principal Certification Exam (068). More details about registering for the exam will be announced during the semester.
- **IP (In Progress)**
  - If a student completes all eJournal Entries but does not take the TExES Principal Certification Exam (068) during the semester, that student will receive an "IP" for the course. Upon taking the exam, the grade of “IP” will be changed to “CR” for the course.
- **NC (No Credit)**
  - If a student does not complete all of the eJournal Entries, that student will receive a “NC” for the course regardless of the student’s TExES Principal Certification Exam (068) status.

Teaching Strategies

- **Blackboard Learn** is the primary online learning management system used to teach and manage course assignments for Practicum in Principalship III EDLR 5272.
- **Twitter** is the online social networking tool for course announcements. You may follow me on Twitter at millergaryj. Please note Blackboard Learn will contain the identical postings in the Announcements folder.

Related Field Experiences

Students will intern at a campus setting directing instructional and support programming in the role of the educational leaders.

Required Text & Related Readings


UNIVERSITY POLICIES

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
If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file an intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to do so will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three course repeats; graduates, for two course repeats during his/her career at UT-Tyler.
**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 dropped after the 12th day of class (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule are 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 federal law, a student requesting accommodation must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. *If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request an accommodation, please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office in UC 282, or call (903) 566-7079.*

**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.

**Student Standards of Academic Conduct**
Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

(i) "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:
- copying from another student's test paper;
- using during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
- divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructor has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
- substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
• paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or information about an unadministered test, test key, homework solution or computer program;
• falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
• taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of UT-Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and,
• misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

(ii) "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.

(iii) "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & PSYCHOLOGY

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.

Course Policies

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.
Appendix 1
Practicum in Principalship III
EDLR 5272
Introduction Packet

Overview for the Student Intern

It is important for you to notify your mentor (the principal on your campus in most cases) that you will be participating in a practicum this semester and arrange for him or her to provide supervision. To assist you in the process, I have prepared the following documents in this packet for you to share with your mentor (pages 2-4):

• **Cover Letter** – personalize with your name and mentor’s name.
  o Use the Word formatted **Cover Letter** located in the **Resources** folder.
• **Permission Form** – signed by your mentor and a copy returned to me.
• **Leadership & Management Activities** – suggested activities to share, discuss, and agree upon with your mentor.
  o Refer to the **Practicum Activities** document located in the **Resources** folder for additional suggestions.
  o **The course instructor has final approval of all practicum activities.**

After your mentor signs the permission form and reaches an agreement with you on the practicum activities, either send these documents to me as an email attachment (**gmiller@uttyler.edu**) or scan and fax (903) 565-5527, attention Dr. Miller.

**ADDITIONAL POINTS:**

1. The list of practicum activities should include an estimated number of hours spent in each specific activity, totaling 45 hours.
2. As the semester progresses, submit to me for approval, adjustments to the activities and time spent.
3. *I trust that your principal will serve as your mentor during the practicum; however, if you have any concerns or questions please contact me as soon as possible.*
Dear (Your principal),

(Your name) is enrolled in Educational Administration with Principal Certification, a Master of Education program at the University of Texas at Tyler. The program is delivered in four blocks of study. Each block is equivalent to a semester. Block I is Introduction to the Field of Educational Leadership, Block II is Best Practices in Curriculum and Instruction, Block III is Special Populations and Special Functions, and Block IV is The Principalship. Blocks II-IV have an applied practicum component.

(Your name) is currently enrolled in the course Practicum in Principalship III EDLR 5272 in Block IV. The purpose of this course is to provide the student with applied leadership and management experiences under the guidance of an experienced principal. At the conclusion of each week, the student will write a journal entry reflecting on their experiences. The student’s final grade for the course depends upon the successful completion of practicum activities along with the accompanying journal entries.

Please find attached a permission form and list describing the type of activities that the student could engage in during the practicum. (Your name) requests that you not only assist in developing a list of potential activities but also supervise (his or her) practicum.

With your assistance, we can prepare the next generation of educational leaders to carry on the outstanding work done by our current administrators. Please feel free to call (903-565-5675) or email (gmiller@uttyler.edu) me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership

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Practicum in Principalship III EDLR 5272

Permission Form

I hereby agree to serve as the Administrator Supervisor for ____________________________.

I understand that my responsibilities include:

• Supervising the student during the field experiences.
• Meeting with the student on a regular basis as needed.
• Assisting and guiding the student if problems arise in completing the specified field experiences.
• Completing an evaluation form on the student at the end of the practicum.

Signed
____________________
Administrative Supervisor

Print Name
____________________
Administrative Supervisor

School Email
____________________
Administrative Supervisor

Please Return Signed Form To:

Gary Miller, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership

University of Texas at Tyler
Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
3900 University Boulevard
Tyler, Texas 75799

Campus Email: gmillert@uttyler.edu
Campus Phone: (903) 565-5675
Fax Number: (903) 565-5527
Leadership & Management Activities

The practicum requires students to accrue **45 hours** of hands-on experiences focusing on a variety of school leadership topics (suggested topics are list below in **bold type**). This list also provides specific examples within each topic for your consideration—you and your mentor may come up with other meaningful activities. *The actual leadership topics and specific activities will be determined in collaboration and agreement of your on-site mentor (i.e., principal). The course instructor has final approval of all activities.*

**General Leadership**

- Serve as principal-for-a-day
- Serve as chair for a site-based decision making committee
- Serve as administrator-in-charge for an extracurricular activity

**Action Research**

- Complete an assigned action research project

**Instructional Leadership**

- Oversee the implementation of a new instructional program
- Present or organize a professional development workshop for teachers

**Discipline Management**

- Assist with disciplinary measures
- Observe a principal-parent conference

**Social Worker**

- Work with a counselor on a student education program

**Public Relations**

- Chair a committee for Texas Public School Week
- Publish a campus newsletter
- Speak at a PTO or Rotary Club meeting

**Plant Manager**

- Walk the building and compile a preventative maintenance list
- Prepare a work-order to fix a broken item

**Financial Planner**

- Assist the principal with budget preparation

**Personnel Specialist**

- Participate in an interview process for a teacher and/or paraprofessional
eJournal Entries

Instructions

There are three components to the eJournal Entries:

- Log – describing your internship activities
- Reflection – reflecting on the parallels between teaching students and leading faculty
- Passing the Principal TExES Exam – relating your experiences to the principles and concepts discussed in the reading assignments

All three components are beneficial. The log allows for the reconstruction of the activities engaged in and the reflection allows you to examine the meaning and implications of your actions in terms of a campus leader. Finally, reflecting on your reading assignment for that week in Passing the Principal TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and School Leadership provides you an opportunity to relate your experiences to the principles and concepts discussed in the textbook.

By the end of the semester, you will have accomplished two things as an administrative intern: (a) a written record of your leadership, management, and curriculum and instruction activities (b) a series of reflections and analyses on your perceptions of leadership and yourself.

Note:

- Some days you may have nothing to log because you did not perform any internship activities.
- The first eJournal Entry is due at 11:59 PM on Sunday, September 13, beginning with Module 1.
Format

Total hours for the week_____.

Total hours for the semester_____.

I. Log: Describe the internship activities completed each day and include the amount of time spent, rounded to the nearest half hour. For example, “Observed the assistant principal discuss a student discipline referral with parents. (30 minutes)”

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

II. Reflection: What are the parallels between teaching students and leading faculty—reflect on areas such as: modeling, coaching, and scaffolding?

(Your narrative should be no more than two paragraphs.)

III. Passing the Principal TExES Exam: Relate your experiences to the principles and concepts discussed in the reading assignment for that week.

(Your narrative should be no more than two paragraphs.)

Name

Campus

eJournal Entry #
## Scoring Rubric

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<td>Response may not be clear and the connections to the question are incorrect or unclear or just a repetition of the findings without explanation. Underlying logic has major flaws; connection to position is not clear. <em>(Value: 0=No Credit)</em></td>
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