

EDAD 6901 - Instructional Leadership Beyond the Classroom

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Course Description

6901. Instructional Leadership Beyond the Classroom. Teacher leaders will lead both from within their own classrooms and beyond, therefore it will be important to equip candidates with the knowledge and skills that will assist them in any leadership situation they may face. Candidates will be introduced to the theory and practice of teacher leadership in order to assist in building teacher commitment, teacher efficacy, teaching competence, and instructional practices. There will be an additional emphasis on developing teacher leaders, specifically in the areas of adult learning principles, reflective practice, and professional learning communities. Candidates will be introduced to the importance of self-directed teacher professional development, taking on leadership roles at school, district, state, and national levels, as well as learning how to lead in both formal and informal ways. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Teacher Leadership that Strengthens Professional Practice	Charlotte Danielson	1416602712
Required	Leading Collaborative Learning: Empowering Excellence.	Sharrat, L & Planche, B	1483368971

Other Required Readings / Articles:

- Derrington, M. L., & Angelle, P. S. (2013). Teacher Leadership and Collective Efficacy: Connections and Links. *International Journal of Teacher Leadership*, 4(1), n1.
- Killion, J., Harrison, C., Colton, A., Bryan, C., Delehant, A., & Cooke, D. (2016). A Systemic Approach to Elevating Teacher Leadership. *Learning Forward*.
- Margolis, J., & Deuel, A. (2009). Teacher leaders in action: Motivation, Morality, and Money Leadership and Policy in Schools, 8(3), 264-286.
- n.a. (2018). Cultivating Teacher Leadership in Professional Learning Communities. Ohio Department of Education. Ohio Teacher Leadership Toolkit.
- n.a (2018). Defining 10 Key Decisions for Creating Teacher Leader Roles. Ohio Department of Education. Ohio Teacher Leadership Toolkit.
- n.a. (2018). Teacher Leader Case Studies. Ohio Department of Education. Ohio Teacher Leadership Toolkit.
- n.a. (2018). Teacher Leadership: Teacher Tools. Ohio Department of Education. Ohio Teacher Leadership Toolkit.
- Ohio Teacher Leader Framework (2025). Ohio Department of Education
- York-Barr, J., & Duke, K. (2004). What do we know about teacher leadership? Findings from two decades of scholarship. *Review of educational research*, 74(3), 255-316

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Reading: Danielson 1-27 and Module 1 Readings, Videos	Topic: What is Teacher Leadership?	Module 1 Discussion Question Module 1 Reflection Assignment
10/26	Reading: Danielson 28-57 and Module 2 Readings, Videos	Topic: Formal Teacher Leadership	Module 2 Discussion Question Module 2 Reflection Assignment Teacher Leader Interview Assignment
11/2	Reading: Danielson 59-83 and Module 3 Readings, Videos	Topic: Informal Teacher Leadership	Module 3 Discussion Question Module 3 Reflection Assignment Teacher Leadership Vision and Mission Assignment
11/9	Reading: Danielson 84-122 and Module 4 Readings, Videos	Topic: Teacher Leadership in Practice	Module 4 Discussion Question Module 4 Reflection Assignment Formal / Informal Teacher Leader Role Development Assignment
11/16	Reading: Danielson 123-146 and Module 5 Readings, Videos	Topic: Teacher Leadership: Tools and Skills: Part 1	Module 5 Discussion Question Module 5 Reflection Assignment
11/23	Reading: Sharrat & Planche 99-128 and Module 6 Readings, and Videos	Topic: Teacher Leadership: Tools and Skills: Part 2	Module 6 Discussion Question Module 6 Reflection Assignment Instructional Rounds Assignment
11/30	Reading: Sharrat & Planche 145-166 and Module 7 Readings, and Videos	Topic: Promoting and Developing Teacher Leadership	Module 7 Discussion Question Module 7 Reflection Assignment Teacher Leader Final Project Assignment

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