THE ADMINISTRATOR AS COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course: Incorporates and explores public and private efforts initiated by private, state, and federal educationally related entities and agencies, professional leadership organizations, professional leadership academies, and grant activities designed for school improvement which school administrators must face in their task of administering schools?

II. Prerequisite(s): Specialist Standing

III. Purposes or Objectives of the Course: This course is designed for the purposes of affording school administrators and those preparing to become administrators with: (1) the opportunity to incorporate the most current knowledge of practices and techniques available and in use in specific administrative/leadership areas into their preparation program and (2) preparation in leading school improvement efforts initiated by DESE and other educationally related agencies.

IV. Expectations of Students: Students are expected to meet such requirements as attendance, participation, and completion of assignments. Attendance is an especially important part of this course.

V. Course Content or Outline (15, 30 or 45 hrs.):

A. The content of this course will change as leadership and improvement efforts vary. However, the focus will center around such areas as the following:
   1. Leadership for school improvement
   2. A+ Schools
   3. Leadership for curriculum revision
   4. 4 MAT Program
   5. Leadership styles
   6. Accelerated schools
   7. Building leadership teams
   8. Learning styles and the curriculum
   9. Effective Schools
   10. Technology Integration
   11. Advanced Leadership Academy (DESE)
12. MSIP/CSIP Process  
13. Leadership and the ISLLC process  
14. Other related topics in school leadership  
15. Diversity  
16. Background Checks  
17. Charter Schools  

B. The study of the content areas will be carried out in the following manner:  
1. Formal presentations by instructor and participants  
2. Class discussions  
3. Reading from selected courses and materials  
4. Presentations by resource persons  
   a. Resource persons from public school and the University  
   b. Resource persons from the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  

VI. Textbook(s): Texts and materials appropriate to the content will be used in this course. A list of readings pertinent to the content areas will also be prepared for students.  

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation: Evaluation will be made on the basis of class activities and outside written assignments.  

VIII. Knowledge Base References:  

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