

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Master Teacher Leader (MTL). This online program is a vibrant, holistic, global master's degree and professional development program. Our graduates are known as teacher-leaders who excel in their teaching situations and in non-administrative leadership roles in their organizations and communities. The program is recognized for its leading edge use of technology, its innovative presentations of practical knowledge and skills, and its ability to provide enhanced access to affordable quality education that exceeds state and national standards of excellence in education.

ADVANTAGE UIS

- **Endorsement.** Teacher Leadership graduates are eligible to apply for a Teacher Leadership Endorsement to be added to their active Illinois teaching certificate.
- **Multi-tasking.** The graduate hours you'll earn in this program will allow you to meet the Illinois Teacher Recertification requirements. One graduate hour equals 15 CPDUs. You can take two 16-week Teacher Leadership courses (each course being 4 credit hours) or take four 8-week courses (each course being 2 credit hours) and meet the entire requirement.
- **Online.** This degree is offered entirely online for the convenience of our busy students. However, you should expect the same rigorous courses and extraordinary student/faculty interaction.

What can I do with this degree?

The Teacher Leadership online program prepares educational leaders for the classroom as well as community education positions across the globe. Our graduates are master teachers, instructional coordinators, technology coordinators, community college instructors, and trainers in military, police force and fire prevention occupations. Positions in related fields include curriculum directors; human resource managers; training and labor relations managers and specialists; and archivists.



Earth science. Master Teachers go beyond the basics. That's why we forged a unique partnership with Illinois' Department of Natural Resources. We give our students an edge in the sciences and they bring their students a greater understanding of our fragile environment:

- Introduction to Illinois' Natural Resources*
- Introduction to Illinois' Woodlands for Teachers*
- Introduction to Illinois' Prairies for Teachers*
- Introduction to Illinois' Geological Processes for Teachers*
- Introduction to Illinois Aquatic Ecology for Teachers*

National aspirations. Teachers wanting to know more about National Certification or those who would like support as they go through the process may take NBPTS (National Board of Professional Teaching Standards) Courses.

Faculty Expertise. Faculty in the Teacher Leadership master's program are master teachers themselves and bring decades of teaching experience to the classroom.



The M.A. in Teacher Leadership (MTL) is designed specifically for teachers who wish to assume leadership roles within and beyond the classroom but who are not interested in obtaining an administrative certificate. It is conducted entirely online and is characterized by lectures, text reading, discussions, and projects, with emphasis on reflection and writing. Courses include studies in teaching, leadership, research, technology use, and a master's closure project. Courses in MTL meet the requirement for teacher certificate renewal. Two courses facilitate master teaching certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Teacher Leadership graduates are eligible to apply for a Teacher Leadership Endorsement to be added to their active Illinois teaching certificate.

Faculty Leonard Bogle, Vickie Cook, Scott Day, Donald Kussmaul, Daniel Matthews, J. Gregory Reynolds, Karen Swan, Walter Warfield

Emeritus Faculty B. Douglas Anderson, James Cherry

Adjunct Faculty Shayne Aldridge, Marcilene Dutton, Sandy Gadel, Rae Lynne Kynion, Kim Kubatzke, Michael Lane, Mary Loken, Jeffrey Newell, Mark Pace, Brian Schwartz

Entrance Requirements

Students must apply to UIS before it is possible to enroll in courses. To be eligible for full admission to the program, a student must have completed a bachelor's degree with a grade-point average of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale. A student can be conditionally admitted if the GPA is between 2.50 and 3.00. Conditional admission means that the student must achieve a GPA of 3.00 or better in the first eight hours of course work in the program.

If the student achieves the required GPA within those first eight hours, he or she will be fully admitted to the program. Transfer credit is evaluated on a course-by-course basis with the faculty advisor and approval of the EDL chair.

While applicants for MTL should be active in some form of education, a teaching certificate is not required for admission.

Application for admission must be made to the university along with completion of a personal data form on the MTL website, and discussion of student needs and program requirements with the coordinator or another assigned faculty advisor.

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Program Requirements

The MTL master's degree requires completion of 40 semester hours. There are four core area requirements for the teacher leadership degree. These are:

Research

EDL 541 Educational Research 4 Hrs.

Educational Leadership

EDL 585 Foundations of Teacher Leadership 4 Hrs.
EDL 542 Teacher Leadership 4 Hrs.

Curriculum

EDL 543 Instructional Design 4 Hrs.

Master's Closure

EDL 586 MTL Capstone 4 Hrs.
Approved electives 20 Hrs.

Total 40 Hrs.

Graduate Certificate in Legal Aspects of Education

By completing nine of the 10 courses in the Legal Aspects of Education Course Series, teachers can receive a special Graduate Certificate. This program provides opportunities for educational leaders to increase their knowledge base about legal issues faced by today's educational leaders. It is aimed at teacher-leaders seeking to advance their professional education credentials.

Advising

Advising for MTL is conducted by the MTL coordinator or another assigned faculty advisor. Initial advising must be completed by the end of the student's first semester. The faculty advisor assists the student in planning his/her program of studies and is also available to provide career counseling.

Visit our website for more information on

Advising, Elective courses, Graduate Certificate in Legal Aspects of Education, Middle School Endorsement coursework

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