University of Virginia
ExSEL Program

Executive Studies in Educational Leadership
In the 2013 U.S. News and World Report rankings, Curry's Administration and Supervision program was ranked twelfth in the nation.
Committed, talented educators who possess:

- a master’s degree
- strong academic credentials
- evidence of impact and innovation in current leadership role
- interest in reflection and inquiry
- desire to improve educational programs for students
How?

- Weekend classes and summer residencies
- Week-long course during first summer* to build collegiality and appreciation for the diversity of experiences and perspectives of the group members.
- High-impact weekends of Fridays/Saturdays once a month throughout year.

*Begins end of June 2013 and extends through July and early August.
Where?

UVA/VT Northern Virginia Center
7054 Haycock Road
Falls Church, Virginia 22043
Next to the West Falls Church Metro Station
What is the Cost?¹

K-12 Virginia Educator discounted tuition²
$244/credit hour (in-state)
$546/credit hour (out-of-state)

Regular Tuition
$365/credit hour (in-state)
$750/credit hour (out-of-state)

Fees
$18/credit hour Off-Grounds Fee

¹Based on 2012-2013 tuition costs
²Tuition rate only applies for 1ˢᵗ three credits per semester.
Two-tiered selection process

- Screening based on paper credentials
- Selection based on face-to-face Saturday session featuring
  - An introduction to the program and Q&A
  - Case study exercise
  - Elevator speech on leadership
  - Individual interviews
  - Writing sample
Program of Study

• Integration: Theory, experience, and research.
• First and second year: Strong core of theory and research
• Field-based practicum projects
• Customized areas of specialization such as Reading and Social Foundations
• Third year: Study of a problem of practice culminating in a Capstone Dissertation.
Overview of Coursework

• Core leadership courses (18 hours)
  – 6 courses that address the key facets of leadership

• Research sequence (12 hours)
  – 4 courses taught in tandem with leadership courses
  – Focus on applied research methods and program evaluation
Overview of Coursework

- Electives (30 hours)
  - Transfer credits from master’s degree (up to 18 hours)
  - Offerings at the Northern Virginia Center
    - Social Foundations
    - Reading
    - Special Education

- Capstone Dissertation (12 hours)
Leadership Core Courses

- Foundations of Leadership Theory
- Cognitive Dimensions of Leadership
- Visioning, Planning & Strategizing for Success
- Designing Learning Environments
- Optimizing Human Capital in Organizations
- Developing Organizational Capacity
Research Sequence

- Foundations of Applied Research
- Needs Assessment & Program Design
- Process Analysis
- Impact Benefit & Cost Analysis
Faculty

Denny Berry, Ed.D., University of Virginia
Sara Dexter, Ed.D., University of Saint Thomas
Dan Duke, Ed.D., State University of New York-Albany
Mark Hampton, Ph.D., University of Utah
Dan Player, Ph.D., University of Washington
Pamela Tucker, Ed.D., College of William & Mary
Michelle Young, Ph.D., University of Texas- Austin
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