

Teacher Leader Endorsement
Department of Educational Leadership

Proposal

Request permission of COTE to forward the Teacher Leader Endorsement proposal to the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB) and upon approval from SEPLB to modify the graduate catalog as follows:

Current:

Master of Science in Education Program : The Department of Educational Leadership offers a Master of Science in Education in Educational Leadership for individuals interested in moving into leadership roles in PK-12 schools. The Master of Science in Education in Educational Leadership is a requirement for application to the Principal Endorsement Program offered by the department. Many courses are offered at night and weekends on-campus and at off-campus locations via the School of Continuing Education.

Proposed:

Master of Science in Education Program : The Department of Educational Leadership offers a Master of Science in Education in Educational Leadership for individuals interested in moving into leadership roles in PK-12 schools. **Degree completion meets the course requirements necessary for the Teacher Leader Endorsement on an individual's Illinois Professional Educator's License.** The Master of Science in Education in Educational Leadership is a requirement for application to the Principal Endorsement Program offered by the department. Many courses are offered at night and weekends on-campus and at off-campus locations via the School of Continuing Education.

Rationale

When the current Masters of Science in Education, Educational Leadership was approved by all of the curriculum bodies, it was done so with the knowledge that the Illinois State Board of Education would be creating a new endorsement called the Teacher Leader Endorsement. Furthermore, it was created with an understanding of the standards/requirements for this new endorsement. ISBE released the standards for this new endorsement in September 2012 and began reviewing programs in 2013. After careful review, the Department of Educational Leadership has determined that the MS in Ed, Educational Leadership, as approved by the councils, meets and in fact exceeds the requirements for the Teacher Leader Endorsement and has developed a new program proposal to ISBE for the Teacher Leader Endorsement. Since the coursework and degree will remain unchanged the only actions that are needed is approval to submit the program to ISBE and to approve the catalog change (pending approval by ISBE).