Teacher Leader Endorsement

The Ohio State University’s Teacher Leader Endorsement is tailored to meet the needs of the working professional educator who aspires to serve in leadership roles within their school and district while maintaining their position as a classroom teacher. Individuals holding this qualification are well positioned to support the development of new teachers, lead school improvement initiatives, assist school administrators with professional development activities, and attend to other leadership needs within the school. The Teacher Leader Endorsement will also help to qualify educators for the Lead Professional Educators License, the highest qualification on Ohio’s highest 4-tiered Licensure Structure.

Additionally, a portion of the coursework required for the Teacher Leader Endorsement can be used in other education administration programs including:

- Principal licensure
- Doctoral programs including the PhD and EdD degrees (pending advisor approval)

*Ohio Department of Education requirement: All coursework must be completed after the master’s degree has been awarded*

- Coursework can be completed in one year
- Blended course delivery
- Allows for the opportunity to work and attend school at the same time
- The Ohio Department of Education does not require a test for completion of endorsement

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Possess a current Ohio teaching license/certificate
- Have completed 4 years of successful teaching
- Earned a master’s degree from an accredited institution prior to being admitted to the endorsement program

REQUIRED COURSES (must be taken post-masters in the following sequence):

**Summer:**
ESEADM 6350 Introduction to Education Administration

**Autumn:**
ESTEPL 8421 Inquiry in Teacher Education

**Spring:**
ESEPSY 7350 Educational Leadership, Learning and Teaching

Steps to obtain the Teacher Leader Endorsement:

Apply for admission into the Teacher Leader Endorsement Program. Successfully complete the three required courses. Students must meet with their assigned endorsement advisor to have prior coursework evaluated. Coursework must be taken after the master’s degree has been awarded and within 5 years of starting the endorsement program. More information is available on our web site.

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