The Graduate Certificate in District Level Leadership is designed to be a short-term, 12-credit hour, embedded graduate certificate for professionals who already hold a degree and seek to acquire the necessary skill set for central office administration and/or Oklahoma superintendent licensure. Oklahoma State University has a Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation accredited program. This program provides the partial fulfillment of requirements for state certification in the preparation of district level leaders (Oklahoma Statutes, 70-6-189(C)) that focuses on district level educational leadership competencies and dispositions.

Courses are delivered in hybrid or online format. Students have access to face-to-face synchronous courses through internet-delivery systems such as GoToTraining, Zoom, Skype for Business and interact with course materials and peers through OSU’s learning management system, Canvas. The certificate program is designed for accessibility to learners regardless of their physical location and uses technology to create opportunities for peer-to-peer collaboration and community building, while breaking down physical boundaries that may exist due to geographical locations and schedules.

APPLICATION PROCESS
To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must complete and submit the following:

- OSU Graduate College application online at gradcollege.oskstate.edu/apply
- Non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Two letters of recommendation
- Academic vita/resume
- Career objective statement

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified of admission status within four to six weeks of submission. To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must have:

- Master’s degree from an accredited institution with a 3.0 minimum GPA

COURSEWORK
Successful completion of the program requires 12 credit hours (four courses) of graduate-level coursework in the educational leadership program. Credit hours are transferable to additional graduate degree programs in school administration.

Required courses:
- EDLE 6873: Leading Schools with Data
- EDLE 6633: School Leadership and Community Collaboration

Choose two courses from the following:
- EDLE 6493: School Improvement/Reform Practices
- EDLE 6483: School Leadership, Culture and Ethics
- EDLE 6853: Research Traditions in Educational Leadership
- EDLE 6353: Superintendency (district management)
- EDLE 6453: Special Topics in School Law
- EDLE 6363: Special Topics in School Finance Policy
- ELDE 6393: The Human Factor in Administering Schools
- EDLE 6893: Field Studies Internship II

*Other approved education courses may be approved by the program coordinator.

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