

# INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP & TEACHING PRACTICES MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

## Admission

Questions regarding the application process can be forwarded to the Coordinator of Graduate Admission at [soegradadmission@drake.edu](mailto:soegradadmission@drake.edu) or 515-271-2552.

## Program Overview

### BLUE. Building Leaders in Urban Education

The BLUE program is a partnership between the Drake University School of Education and Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS). This 32-credit hour degree program is designed to develop teachers to meet the needs of a diverse student population. This program focuses on building a strong foundation in equity and cultural proficiency.

The BLUE program focuses on current research and instructional practices. Application of learning is central to program outcomes. Students have a variety of choices in elective courses that can be used to advance their specific teaching content and/or context. Participants are eligible for discounted tuition for their degree as long as they stay employed by DMPS for the length of their program.

## Program Requirements

This 32-credit hour master's degree has six required courses focused on effective teaching, cultural proficiency, and teacher leadership. Students may then select 15 additional credits from numerous pathways.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
EDCR 201	EFFECTIVE TEACHING I	3
EDCR 202	SOCIAL FOUNDATIONS AND PEDAGOGY I	3
EDCR 203	EFFECTIVE TEACHING II	3
EDCR 204	SOCIAL FOUNDATIONS AND PEDAGOGY II	3
EDCR 205	CRITICAL ISSUES IN TEACHING LEADERSHIP	3
EDCR 206	CAPSTONE	2
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 15 credits in an area of interest to personalize their degree plan. <sup>1</sup>		15
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

<sup>1</sup> Elective courses are offered in:

- Early childhood
- Elementary or Secondary
- Urban Education
- Math, Science or STEM
- English Language Learners
- Reading or Literacy
- Special Education
- Talented and Gifted