Announcing a New Preparation Program for Local Directors of Special Education

A new collaborative program to prepare special education administrators is now accepting applications for admission. ECSEL is a state-wide collaborative partnership program leading to the Washington Residency Program Administrator Certification. Led by a faculty team from across the UW and WSU campuses, ECSEL is formally administered by UW Bothell and leads to a UWB Master’s degree in Education with emphasis in Educational Leadership. Graduates who are subsequently admitted to the WSU Statewide Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership will receive credit for ECSEL coursework.

Program Structure and Curriculum

During each of ECSEL’s two years, the program consists of three year-long seminars, a 400-hour internship requirement, and a set of performance tasks that allow candidates to demonstrate proficiency. The Year 1 program focuses on leadership for special education at the school level, with seminars, internship, and performance tasks all focused on leadership for teaching, learning, and student services within a school. In Year 2, the focus shifts to leadership at the district level, with the internship and program tasks reflecting district-level responsibilities. In both years, the program operates in a blended on-line and face-to-face model, with summer retreats and weekend meetings supplemented by e-learning resources. The curriculum is structured to incorporate both Washington State standards for the Residency Program Administrator certificate and the Council for Exceptional Children’s advanced standards for program administrators.

Applications for Cohort 3 are due February 15, 2016. Enrollment will be limited to approximately 18 candidates, all of whom will receive scholarships for a significant portion of tuition and fees. For information program requirements, cost, and information on how to apply, please visit our website at www.uwb.edu/education/ecsel