

Community and Teacher Leaders



- M.A. degree consists of 7 core courses and 3 electives.
- Endorsement consists of 5 core courses.
- Core courses are offered remotely. In-person meetings are few.

M.A. in Community and Teacher Leaders

Teacher Leader concentration: This option provides knowledge and skills related to leadership, peer mentoring and professional development; promotes positive school culture that focuses on achievement; uses data to improve educational outcomes. Focusing on social justice and the strengths of diversity, this concentration leads to the ISBE-recognized Teacher Leader Endorsement in addition to the master's degree. A current Illinois Professional Educator License in teaching is required.

Community Leader concentration: This option provides knowledge and skills that foster leadership in ethical and culturally sensitive public engagement; acknowledges and considers the complexities of local and global communities; promotes collaborating with schools to empower communities; and leverages community assets to promote social justice and equity.

Teacher Leader Endorsement

This option offers professional development for teachers who already have a M.A. and hold a current Illinois Professional Educator License in teaching to prepare them for increased leadership opportunities by earning the ISBE recognized Teacher Leader Endorsement. This is not the principal endorsement program.

Tuition Waiver

Effective from summer 2025, NSTU members pay reduced tuition of only \$1,100 per course.

Cooperating teachers who have tuition credit for hosting NEIU student teachers can apply the course credit to tuition. This course credit can be transferred to any teacher for use.

NSTU members who complete the SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) program will receive a waiver for an elective course.

Application Deadlines

Fall semester: July 15

Spring semester: November 1

Summer: April 1

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