

UBC/BCPVPA 40th Annual Short Course
July 4 – 8, 2017

Graduate Students' Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the “Short Course?”
 - a. The Short Course is a one week intensive program created for newly appointed school administrators, for those administrators seeking a refresher, and for those interested in school administration. Each year about 140 participants from around the province attend the course. Most of these participants are specifically sent by their respective school districts as preparation for their new roles.
2. Is it possible to take the Short Course for credit?
 - a. Yes. Graduate students register in EDST 508A (3 credits)--titled *Educational Leadership in the BC Context*. The course requires participation in seminars before the Short Course begins (June 30 and July 2nd) and a series of academic assignments in addition to full participation in the Short Course. This course is considered an EDAL elective.
3. Are there extra fees?
 - a. Yes. In addition to tuition fees, graduate students pay a reduced Short Course fee of \$550. The non-BCPVPA member fee is \$2100.
4. Why the fee?
 - a. The Short Course functions like a cross between summer camp and a professional development conference. Some breakfasts, lunches, formal reception, a supper, and a banquet are included. There are multiple venues involved, many key note speakers, and leading school administrators from around the province provide group facilitation. The academic course wraps itself around this professional development event.
5. How is EDST 508A structured?
 - a. EDST 508A begins the week before the Short Course with two 3 hour seminars. These seminars will occur Tuesday, June 26, 4:30 – 7:30 pm, Wednesday, June 28th, 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Students are expected to participate in each day of the Short Course. There are assignments and readings that precede and augment the Short Course. The final assignments of EDST 508A are due on or before July 17th.
6. How is the Short Course structured?
 - a. The week of the Short Course is intended to give a comprehensive engagement with the roles, responsibilities and challenges which face school administrators, enabling participants to develop the knowledge, skills, and relationships foundational to taking on the role. Registration opens at 8:30 am Tuesday morning, July 4th. Each participant is assigned

to a facilitation group for the week. This group is facilitated by a seasoned school leader. Wednesday through Saturday begins at 8:15 am and each day is built upon a different leadership theme. The days include keynote presentations and activities intended to introduce participants to the leadership roles, responsibilities, and challenges posed by the day's theme. There is opportunity for exploration, critique, reflection, skill development, introduction to the latest initiatives and ideas, and opportunity for the formation of life long working relationships with colleagues from across the province. There is a social barbecue on Tuesday evening, a formal reception on Thursday, and a formal Banquet on Friday. The Short Course ends at 12 noon on Saturday. A final 508A seminar is held that afternoon. Please note: any changes will be communicated during the first seminar.

7. How do I find out more?
 - a. Contact the Short Course co-coordinators:
 - i. Dr. Mark Edwards at UBC (mark.edwards@ubc.ca; 604-822-1974), or
 - ii. Jessica Antosz (jessica@bcpvpa.bc.ca, or Liz Bell (Elizabeth@bcpvpa.bc.ca) at BCPVPA (604-689-3399).
8. To Register (both steps are required):
 - a. In the Short Course contact:
 - i. Kim Maxwell-Benjamin at BCPVPA (kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca; (604-689-3399).
 - ii. You can register online here: <http://bit.ly/BCPVPAShortCourse17>.
 - b. In EDST 508A:
 - i. Follow regular UBC course registration procedures via the Student Service Centre. Registration begins March 7th.