

EDST 508 A / 951: The Study of Educational Leadership in the British Columbia Context

(BCPVPA Foundations for New School Leaders)

Course Description

EDST 508A is built around the BC Principal's and Vice Principal's [Foundations for New School Leaders](#) preparation program, formerly the *Short Course*. The *Foundations for New School Leaders* is a one-week intensive program created for newly appointed principals and vice principals to prepare them for their new roles. As such, it is an excellent opportunity for graduate students interested in school leadership in BC, to get an inside look at the values, knowledge, practices, responsibilities, and ways of being that of these roles. EDST 508A provides an opportunity for students to combine the practical discussion and information of the *Foundations* preparation program with reflection upon one's own developing theoretical perspective on educational leadership in order to attain a deeper understanding of the British Columbia context and one's own educational leadership therein.

EDST 508A begins the week before the *Foundations for New School Leaders* program with two 3 hour seminars. These seminars will occur Monday, June 26, 4:30 – 7:30 pm, Wednesday, June 28, 4:30 – 7:30 pm, in room Scarfe 310.

The *Foundations for New School Leaders* is held the week of July 3 – 7th in the Grand Ballroom of the AMS Nest. Each day begins at 8 am. Monday ends at 6 pm, Tuesday at 7:30 pm, Wednesday at 5 pm, Thursday at 9:30 pm, Friday at 4 pm.

There is a further cost in addition to UBC tuition, to attend the program. For EDST 508A students the fee is \$800. (As comparator, the cost for BCPVPA members is \$1750, and for a non-member is \$2450.)

There are assignments and readings that precede and augment the *Foundations* program. The final assignments of EDST 508A are due on or before July 14th.

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Articulate and reflect on the values, assumptions, knowledge, skills, and concepts which structure their understanding of, engagement with, and enactment of, educational leadership in British Columbia;
- Further develop their own conceptual frameworks, or 'theories-in-use,' as a basis for interpreting, engaging, and critiquing the knowledge, values, and skills presented during the Short Course;

- Increase their understanding of current legislative realities, leadership strategies, ethical decision- making approaches, instructional leadership, problem analysis and resolution;
- Work with experienced school administrators to advance students' grasp of the complex challenges which face school leaders and the approaches taken in response;
- Attain a deeper personal understanding of their own approach to educational leadership; and,
- Complete a project which will be of personal use in each student's own educational context.

Course and Foundations Registration

To Register (both steps are required and in the following order):

- a. In EDST 508A:
 - i. Follow regular UBC course registration procedures via the Student Service Centre.
- b. In the FNL contact: Nick Faulkner at BCPVPA (nick@bcpvpa.bc.ca) (604-689-3399).

More Questions?

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