

# INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TEACHER LEADER?

Niagara University's College of Education has designed a field-based program identifying and targeting areas that will build and support teacher leaders.

**Program rationale:** As more and more school districts understand, appreciate and value the transformational power of empowerment of faculty and staff, there is an ever increasing need for teachers to become "teacher leaders".

Teacher Leaders are teachers who are passionate about student success and use their leadership ability to participate directly in the creation of a dynamic professional learning community focused on student achievement.

The coursework would advance training to support and nurture teacher leaders utilizing current research and best practices in the area of teacher leadership.

## **Teacher Leaders as valuable resources in:**

- Curriculum & Instruction
- Response to Intervention (Rtl)
- Classroom Management
- Data & Assessment
- Professional Development

### **Fall 2009 Course Offerings:**

*Courses cannot be used in conjunction with an existing graduate program at NU*

EDU 615 TL – Educational Leadership – 3 Graduate Credits

This course will focus on assessment for all candidates enrolled in the Teacher Leader program. Major concepts that will be analyzed include leadership, decision making/problem solving, professional fitness, data as an instructional tool, the effectiveness of research-based practices and how to implement them.

EDU 629 TL– Effecting Dynamic Change – 3 Graduate Credits

As leaders deal with effecting change, they will need to consider four strategies: 1) training and support of staff; 2) realigning formal roles and relationships; 3) establishing collaborative cultures; and 4) providing transition rituals. Addressing these strategies is the focus of the course.

### **Location:**

Niagara University Campus

### **Dates, Times, Rooms:**

Saturday, October 3, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Dunleavy 237
Saturday, October 24, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Dunleavy 237
Saturday, November 14, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bisgrove 350/351
Saturday, December 5, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bisgrove 350/351

### **Additional hours:**

15 hours application (in field) per course

### **Tuition cost:**

\$1,000 per course

### **To register:**

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