

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

PLANNING GUIDE

Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS)-SDL Alternative

Certification: NYS School District Leader

NAME: _____ STUDENT #: _____

Pre-Requisites	
Master's (Must be at least 36hrs)	
EDU 595 Educational Research & Statistics or equivalent Subject to review at admissions	
NYS School Violence Prevention	
NYS Id & Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse or Maltreatment	
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Program Required Courses	
EDU 631- Leadership & the School District Leader	
EDU 634 - School Business Administration	
EDU 635 – School Law (New York State)	
EDU 644 OR 645 Supervision OR Curriculum	
EDU 650 – Capstone for School District Leader	
EDU 599 – Technology, Data Analysis and School Improvement	
EDU 822- Internship School District – Part 1	
EDU 823 – Internship School District – Part 2	

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	
Program Comprehensive Exam: SDL Written Exam Application for Comprehensive Exam (\$30 fee) E-mail Maritza Mulready: mmulready@niagara.edu by October 1, March 1 or June 1: due by the first of the following month	
New York State School District Leader Certification Exams – Part 1 & 2 Check on-line for administration schedule & fees	
New York State Educating All Students Test (as of May 1, 2015)	
Graduation form submitted to Dean’s office Beverly Eiler bj@niagara.edu	

Total Graduate Hours – 24

<p>Additional Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be considered “exceptionally well qualified” by Niagara University and NYSED 2. Must have a position requiring SDL certification 3. Must have passed SDL state exams 4. Other
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CHECK THE PROGRAM GUIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any questions please contact:

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The Certification

The Transitional D certificate is a certification issued by NYSED allowing candidates who do not have SDL certification practice in a position requiring SDL certification provided they meet the specific state requirements. The requirements were changed in July 2019 allowing candidates that have three or more years of experience teaching, pupil personnel service, or educational leadership in addition to candidates that do not have three or more years of experience teaching, pupil personnel service, or educational leadership. Niagara University assists qualified candidates in obtaining the Trans D certification so they can practice in an SDL related position while completing a course of study in school district leadership culminating in SDL certification.

In order to qualify for the Trans-D Certification candidates need to:

- 1. Obtain an employment commitment from a school district or BOCES for a position that required SDL Certification;**
- 2. Have passed the New York State School District Leader Test, Part 1 and 2, and the Educating All Student (EAS) Exam;**
- 3. Meet the requirements for a designation as "exceptionally well qualified" as determined by Niagara University and NYSED;**
- 4. Be enrolled in the Niagara University SDL-Alternative 24 hour Certificate of Advanced Study Program.**