

Teacher Leader Endorsement

The Teacher Leader Endorsement program is an “add-on” credential for the licensed teachers in all content areas at PK-12 levels. It prepares educators to serve as teacher leaders and employ skills of working with adult learners, facilitating and leading change, managing conflicts, and coaching and mentoring teachers at all stages in their careers. Additionally, teacher leaders will assist principals in developing and supporting a shared vision and clear goals for schools and provide staff development mentoring and coaching to teachers.

The three-course Teacher Leader sequence will be delivered in a blended format of online and in-person delivery to support the full-time working professional and to allow teachers to complete the endorsement without the added financial burden of numerous trips to campus. Students will progress through the courses in a cohort format.

Note: Courses for the endorsement may also be used as Master’s level credit toward pay upgrade or licensure renewal. They may also be taken for graduate students who wish to earn additional graduate credit without the Endorsement.

Requirements for Teacher Leader (TL) Endorsement Candidates

Candidates for the endorsement shall hold a master’s degree and have at least four years of successful teaching experience. Following candidates’ successful completion of an approved teacher leader endorsement program, the endorsement will be added to a professional teaching license or professional or permanent teaching certificate.

Candidate Admission Requirements

1. Master’s Degree completed and verified through transcripts sent to Shawnee State University
2. Four years of teaching experience verification and a valid teaching license
3. Shawnee State University Graduate Admission Application completed

Candidate Completion Requirements

1. A GPA of 3.0 or better in all courses
2. Application completed for the TL Endorsement

Candidate Endorsement Requirements

1. 3.0 or better in all TL coursework
2. 4 years of teaching experience and a valid teaching license
3. Master’s Degree Completed

Teacher Leader Endorsement Courses (Assessments)

- EDTL 6801-Advanced Teacher Leadership
- EDTL 6802-Collaboration & Teacher Leader Development
- EDTL 6803-Coaching & Mentoring for the Teacher Leader

Candidate Field Experience Requirements

Teacher Leader candidates will be able to complete all field experience requirements in their professional education setting. This is to be done in association and conjunction with their administrator. Teacher Leader candidates are encouraged to work in association with their school/district long term plans and goals in undertaking the requirements for this program.