

TOWSON UNIVERSITY

# GRADUATE STUDIES

## Programs in Instructional Leadership and Professional Development

### *Educational Leadership for Excellence and Equity*

The Instructional Leadership and Professional Development (ILPD) Department prepares instructional leaders who are equipped to facilitate equitable access to engaging, rigorous, and productive learning for all students and colleagues. We promote a broad view of leadership that includes leading from the classroom as well as the traditional school administrator pathway.

We offer a wide variety of program options, including a full Master's degree or a Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS), all of which include the required courses for MSDE Administrator 1 certification. The EMPOWER program is a Master's in Human Resource Development in Leadership and includes a pathway to Admin I licensure as well as courses addressing ESOL skills and competencies.

### Program Advantages

- **Flexible Formats**

Courses for Administrator 1 certification in the EMPOWER cohort are offered onsite at Monarch Academy campuses in Anne Arundel County. Some courses may include an online component.

- **Tuition Funding**

Funding for EMPOWER graduate students is provided through a grant from the United States Department of Education, Office of English Language Acquisition. Participants receive funding for tuition, books, and fees. Participants self-pay \$1,500 per year; all other tuition costs are paid by the EMPOWER project.

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For more information, attend the online information session Wednesday, Nov. 15, 4-5 PM at [Towson.webex.com/meet/pri-cedoran](http://Towson.webex.com/meet/pri-cedoran)

For more information on graduate program requirements, visit:

[towson.edu/coe/departments/leadership](http://towson.edu/coe/departments/leadership)

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## Program Options

- **The Administrator 1 Master's Program in Educational Leadership: Leading from the Classroom for Diverse Populations**

The 36-credit (12 course) Master's program, with embedded courses for Administrator 1 certification, is designed for educators with at least three years of experience who desire to be leaders in classroom or administrative roles. There are six required courses:

- ILPD 716: Leadership of the Schools
- ILPD 667: Curriculum and Assessment for Instructional Leaders
- ILPD 603: School Law
- ILPD 740: Evidence-Based Decision Making
- ILPD 781: Supervision and Evaluation
- ILPD 797: Internship

EMPOWER participants complete an additional six courses, anticipated to be:

- REED 652: Linguistics for Teachers of Language and Literacy
- SPED 631: Classroom Strategies and Interventions for Diverse Populations
- SPED 632: Assessment for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students
- SPED 633: School, Family and Community Engagement for Diverse Populations
- SPED 641: Curriculum and Methods of Instruction for Students with Disabilities
- SPED 644: Universal Design for Learning and Differentiated Instruction

## Admission Requirements and Application Deadlines

Prospective students are required to submit undergraduate and graduate transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other application materials. Applications for the EMPOWER cohort will be accepted on a rolling basis **after January 1, 2018**. Monarch Academy teachers will be given priority in the admissions process through **April 1, 2018**.

Prospective students are invited to an **online information session Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, 4-5 PM**, at [towson.webex.com/meet/pricedoran](http://towson.webex.com/meet/pricedoran)

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### PROGRAM ACCREDITATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- All Educational Leadership programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- The U.S. News and World Report 2017 "America's Best Colleges Guide" ranks the program as among the nation's Best Online Graduate Education Programs. The online program was recognized for its small class sizes, available resources and services, and the quality of its faculty.

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