



Indigenous Education Leadership Cohort – FAQ



Welcome to the Indigenous Education Leadership Cohort at the University of Idaho!

Who? Participants must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and at least one year of classroom teaching experience, as a certified teacher of record, in an Idaho school serving AI/AN students.

What? The two-year Indigenous Education Leadership Cohort is designed to build additional leadership capacity to serve American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) students in Idaho. Upon completion, students will earn a graduate degree in education leadership and be eligible to apply for a state of Idaho principal licensure.

How? Students will complete a tailored series of nine courses covering the foundations of education leadership and a yearlong internship with the following sequence of three-credit courses:

SUMMER 2025
EDAD 528 Leading Standards Driven Instruction - 3 credits **This course will include an in-person institute at the Idaho Association of School Administrators convention in Boise, ID Aug. 4-7 th , 2025
EDAD 533 Multicultural Diversity and Education Leadership – 3 credits
FALL 2025
EDAD 513 Administration of Special Education Law - 3 credits
EDAD 570 Foundations of Education Research - 3 credits
SPRING 2026
EDAD 535 School Finance – 3 credits
EDAD 530 Ethical Leadership and Law in Education – 3 credits
SUMMER 2026
EDAD 534 The Principalship - 3 credits *This course will include a 2-day in-person summit (Dates TBA)
EDAD 513 Administration of Special Education Law - 3 credits
FALL 2026
EDAD 595 Administration and Supervision of Personnel - 3 credits
EDAD 598 Internship (year-long) - 3 credits
SPRING 2027
EDAD 598 Internship (year-long) - 3 credits
EDAD 509 Policy and Politics for Education leaders - 3 credits

Course descriptions <https://catalog.uidaho.edu/courses/edad/>





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How many hours per week should I expect to commit to each course? The number of hours per week students spend on their studies outside of class varies. Graduate-level courses in this program are designed with a student-centered focus, while providing a challenging, high-quality learning experience. Students can expect to commit anywhere from 3-5 hours outside of class per week per course.

Will courses be offered online or face-to-face? This cohort will take advantage of the best of blended learning with a co-designed combination of online and face-to-face to meet participant needs.

What is the cost? The total tuition value of the program is approximately \$21,000. Thanks to the Idaho Workforce Development Council, tuition is supplemented for enrolled participants. Each participant will receive a \$12,000 tuition scholarship divided among two years of program participation. Additionally, participants receive a \$750 participation stipend each semester. All costs for program-required travel will be covered. Please note that the exact student responsibility per semester may vary slightly based on course fees. The cost of part-time graduate tuition and fees are available on the University of Idaho website: <https://www.uidaho.edu/current-students/student-accounts/tuition-fees-refunds/tuition-and-fees>

SUMMER 2025
\$1000 tuition scholarship / approximately \$800 student responsibility \$750 participation stipend
FALL 2025
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How do I apply?

1. Visit [Educational Leadership-Graduate Admissions](https://www.uidaho.edu/admissions/graduate/graduate-programs/educational-leadership) (<https://www.uidaho.edu/admissions/graduate/graduate-programs/educational-leadership>) and click the “apply now” button.
2. Select the option for “Indigenous Education Leadership”
3. After applying to Graduate Admissions, please email Angela Como Jacobson acomojacobson@uidaho.edu and include the following items:
 - Resume
 - One-page cover letter describing your interest, experience, and qualifications
4. The department will reach out to schedule an interview once all your materials have been received.

I already hold a master's degree in education. Should I earn a second master's degree? You may choose to earn a second master's degree. However, if you already hold a master's degree (for example: Master's in Teaching), you may be interested in earning an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) Degree as preparation for principal endorsement. The Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) is made up of 30 credits from an earned master's degree + 30 credits from graduate-level courses completed in the U of I program for a total of 60 credits.

Learn more about the Ed.S. program here: <https://www.uidaho.edu/ed/lc/academics/ed-leadership/ed-leadership-eds>

What are the required program activities and benefits? Participants will attend one regional summit or institute per semester, hosted by IKEEP and potentially in collaboration with IKEEP teacher education cohorts, IKEEP teacher apprentice scholars, and IKEEP for Young People high school students. Participants will attend the Idaho Indian Education Conference during both years of their program participation.

The Indigenous Education Leadership cohort will access Indigenous-specific curriculum resources, tailored academic advising, relevant professional development, and a cohort-supported sense of community, all with an emphasis on cultivating leaders to best serve Idaho's AI/AN students.