

Welcome to EDAD 701: Introduction to Educational Administration



My name is Marcia Morrison. I am an assistant professor in the Division of Educational Administration in the School of Education at the University of South Dakota. I grew up in South Dakota and completed my BA and MA at this University. After teaching high school for five years, I completed my Doctorate at the University of Northern Colorado.

I teach courses in school administration with an emphasis on the building principalship and curriculum. Prior to my current position in the School of Education, I was a teacher in the K-12 system, as well as, university level. I have been a school administrator for 23 years. I have been an administrator in rural, suburban, and urban settings. I have been the principal of a K-12 school; secondary assistant principal and principal; elementary principal; District Office Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; and District Office Executive Director. Most relevant to this course, are my 6 years as a Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Director and my 17 years as a building and district administrator responsible for implementing curriculum.

The Course Homepage will coordinate your work for the course. The Syllabus is available there. The Content section is the main source of information. Refer to the course content for each Content Module and assignments. Read the Tips for Success and then on to the first Module. After reading each Content Module and following the links, you should move on to the assigned readings.

The Discuss section will be where you post your discussion items and respond to others.

This course content will be the distance equivalent of a lecture in class. I will offer information and comment on the selected topics as described in the syllabus for the course. In addition, I will use the discussion board of D2L to respond to discussion questions. You will be expected to respond each week both individually and in groups to which you will be assigned. I must also emphasize to you that this is not an independent study course. Success in this type of instruction requires that you maintain a schedule of course completion and posting to the discussion board.

You can order your textbooks from Barnes and Nobel at USD by email at bn@usd.edu or telephone at 605.677.6291. The textbook for this course is:

Kowalski, T.J. (2003). *Contemporary school administration: An introduction* (2nd edition). Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

You will need your U. username and password to gain access to the course. When you registered for the course with USD you became eligible for a U. username and password

to access your University email account, D2L, and other USD services. Your username and password will be active the day after your registration is entered into the student system.

To access this D2L course:

1. On your browser, go to: <https://d2l.sdbor.edu>
2. Type in your log in ID and Password under Login
3. You will see a menu with your courses listed - click on this course.

It is your responsibility to start posting to the discussion questions by the end of the first day. This is the only way I will know you are “attending”. It is my goal to provide an online course that will provide a solid foundation to understand the many aspects of the important role that principals play in curriculum administration. As a student you will be expected to complete readings, assignments, and interact with me and other students in the class. Welcome to this course and I look forward to reading your postings and “getting to know you”.

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