A Transformational Partnership

Warner In Action at East High.

In 2014, after a decade of persistent student underachievement, Rochester’s East High School faced closure by the state. The community was eager to see this beloved historic school remain open. That’s where the University of Rochester came in. We worked closely with the school district, its board of education, unions, East High educators, students, families and neighbors to create an Educational Partnership Organization to manage and support East High. It was a bold move. Warner faculty, alumni and students have rolled up their sleeves and are providing ongoing critical support in the areas of curriculum design, professional learning, social-emotional support, assessment, program evaluation, and school leadership.

East High students now have a longer school day, extra time in literacy and math, and a new curriculum designed to be more rigorous, engaging and relevant. There’s a new focus on making school a safe and supportive place. It has teachers and school leaders who are “all in.” It uses research and data to support students and make better decisions, and it provides fertile ground for ideas on what it takes to transform a school.

Today, East High has a distinctly different feel. Graduation rates, student learning, attendance, and the school culture have all improved. While there is much still to do, this is exciting work that permeates the research and classroom experience at the Warner School and creates exciting learning opportunities for Warner students. Engagement in the East project has made us all ever bold and ever better.

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For the Southern Tier only, contact Gail Hirst at ghirst@warner.rochester.edu

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Are you a K-12 teacher, counselor, or other educator who’s thinking about how to advance your career to the next level? If so, you might want to consider becoming a school leader.

Now more than ever, schools need capable, visionary administrators to affect the transformations that are required to lead an increasingly diverse population – and to respond to the opportunities for learning in our digital age. As a school leader, you’ll not only be able to impact the students you currently serve, but entire schools and school districts as well. Warner’s K-12 School Leadership Program will prepare you with the knowledge, skills, dispositions and vision to become an effective agent of change and make a lasting impact on future generations.

The Warner Advantage
Preparing graduates to innovate, advocate and elevate.

- Be challenged to become an innovator and a thought leader by learning the necessary dispositions and skills to be effective, evidence-based decision makers.
- Foster your commitment to excellence for all students – especially those who’ve been marginalized and underserved.
- Leverage the reputation of a leading-edge research university to give your degree even more recognition.
- Learn from an accessible, supportive faculty of researchers and accomplished practitioners who will prepare you in best practices for the realities faced by today’s school leaders.
- Network with the best and the brightest future school leaders.
- Easy transition to a doctoral degree with transferred credits and guaranteed scholarships.

How We Help You Make it Happen
- Offer scholarships that help make tuition costs comparable to SUNY.
- Deliver flexibility so you can go at your own pace, with no weekends.
- Provide online learning options to reduce trips to campus.

Career Opportunities
Advancing education. And your career to the next level.

Graduates from our K-12 School Leadership Programs are eligible for New York State certifications as a School Building Leader (SBL) and a School District Leader (SDL).

In New York State, SBL certification is required to be appointed to any administrative positions at the building level, such as department chair, assistant principal, or principal, to name a few. SDL certification is required for administrative positions at the district level, such as curriculum coordinator in any specific area, assistant superintendent for instruction, or superintendent. NYS administrative certifications are recognized by most other states.

Advanced Certificate Programs
The shortest path to obtain the certifications needed to hold most administrative positions in K-12 public schools in NYS.

Approved by New York State as a path to BOTH School Building Leader and School District Leader certification. If interested in only one of these certifications, fewer courses may be needed.

Prerequisites: A minimum of three years of teaching or other pupil-services experience in a K-12 school setting and a 3.0 undergraduate GPA is required. The MAT/GRE requirement is now only for students who do not have a master’s degree.

Requirements: 7 required leadership courses plus a 600-hour administrative internship; 27 credits total.

Duration: Can be completed in as little as two years of part-time study while holding a teaching position, or at a slower pace if preferred.

Master’s Programs
For people also interested in obtaining a master’s degree (as required to be eligible for student loans).

Approved by New York State as a path to BOTH School Building Leader and School District Leader certification.

Prerequisites: A minimum of three years of teaching or other pupil-services experience in K-12 school setting. A 3.0 undergraduate GPA and a MAT or GRE score, as required by NYS Law.

Requirements: 7 required leadership courses plus a 600-hour administrative internship; plus 9 credits of graduate coursework (some of which can be transferred from previous programs): 36 credits total.

Duration: Can be completed in as little as two years of part-time study while holding a teaching position, or at a slower pace if preferred.

NOTE: This master’s program cannot be used towards Professional Teaching Certification. If you still need this credential, Warner offers another NYS-approved master’s program that, combined with the Advanced Certificate, leads to all three certifications for as little as 45 credits total.

Easily Pursue a Doctoral Degree
For educators who already completed their SBL/SDL certification and are seeking a doctoral-level credential. Warner features an Ed.D. degree that features similar flexibility during the coursework phase and dedicated faculty support during the cohort-based dissertation phase. While students can usually transfer in up to 36 credits from prior coursework, graduates from Warner K-12 leadership preparation programs can transfer up to 45 of the 90 required credits. In addition, Warner graduates receive a guaranteed scholarship covering up to 34% of the tuition. Visit warner.rochester.edu to learn more.

The Designated School Leader Scholarship
Students who are nominated and offered an internship opportunity by their district will be eligible for a 65% tuition reduction, making the tuition rate comparable to SUNY (and the lowest in the region when taking into consideration the number of credits required to complete both SBL and SDL certifications). The vast majority of our current students benefit from this scholarship.

Common Key Features
- Flexibility: Can start at any time and choose your pace.
- Customized internships: Most often taking place in your own district.
- Reduced travel option: If desired, four of the required leadership courses can be taken hybrid-online in summer, requiring as little as a total of 12 trips to Rochester. The master’s program additional credits can be taken fully online.
- Special accommodations for Southern Tier teachers: Three additional leadership courses are also offered in Olean, NY; for more information, ask Southern Tier program coordinator Gail Hirst (email: gnhilt@warner.rochester.edu; phone/text: 716-474-9243).
- Clinically-rich option for Rochester City School District Teachers: Ask for more information.

Deadlines:
Admission deadlines are February 15, April 15, September 15, and December 15.