



FUTURE SCHOOL LEADERS ACADEMY



PNWBOCES
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ABOUT OUR PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Future School Leaders Academy (FSLA) is a dual-certification (School Building Leaders, School District Leader) educational leadership program leading to a master's degree in education. It is a partnership between Bank Street College of Education and the Putnam | Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (PNW BOCES). Its aim is to develop highly effective and diverse school and district leaders for the Lower Hudson Valley Region, in collaboration with its local districts.

Bank Street views leadership as transformative, humane, collaborative, and personal. Students in educational leadership programs acquire deep knowledge of the practical and theoretical foundations of educational leadership, including adult development, organizational systems, models of supervision, curriculum, action research, and professional development.

FSLA focuses on creating a school vision, the complexities and dynamics of creating effective change, supervision for positive results, and leadership through collaboration.

The program includes extensive supervised fieldwork under the close mentorship of a faculty advisor as the candidate engages in his or her own school or educational setting.

My experience with FSLA was a wonderful one; I was a classroom teacher at the time and I was provided with the opportunity to think about myself as a leader and engage in conversations and learning activities with others in my cohort who supported my growth as a leader. My experience took me beyond my classroom and school, to view leadership through a wider lens. ”

Annemarie Delucia-Piekarski
CHAPPAQUA ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the FSLA program are working as principals, assistant principals, program directors, assistant superintendents and superintendents. In our most recent cohort (2015-2017), three quarters of these graduates are successfully working in building or district leadership positions. In addition, eighty-six percent of our alumni from 2007 thru 2015 are education leaders in the Lower Hudson Valley. FSLA alumni are happy to speak with prospective students on request. The FSLA program has been recognized as an exemplary leadership development program by the Wallace Foundation and the University Council for Educational Administrators (UCEA).

SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED

Through the partnership of PNW BOCES and Bank Street College, a 45% tuition scholarship is awarded to all students accepted to the FSLA Program. The scholarship makes this award winning program available at an attractive tuition rate. Tuition is billed by semester. A district may choose to assist with the tuition payment.

SUPERVISED FIELDWORK/ADVISEMENT

Supervised fieldwork/advisement lies at the heart of a Bank Street education. Through sustained experiences in the field, supervision from core faculty, and close collaboration with peers, our graduate students develop the ability to connect theory to practice and to reflect deeply on their own growth as educators.

In this program students will:

- Receive coaching and advisement from an educational leader with extensive experience (over the two years of the program)
- Share work experiences with smaller conference groups
- Host an advisor visit each semester



 **Learn more about our FSLA program by watching our video!**



BENEFITS FOR ASPIRING LEADERS

- Earn an advanced master's degree (Ed.M.) from Bank Street College in two years
- Qualify for New York State School Building Leader (DBL) and School District Leader (SDL) certifications
- Gain intensive advisory support from Bank Street College faculty
- Work closely with a community of aspiring leaders – including a small conference group that meets on a regular basis throughout the program
- Benefit from the mentorship of building and district leaders
- Continue to teach while attending the program
- Enjoy a convenient location with classes held at BOCES Yorktown Heights campus

CONVENIENT SCHEDULE

FSLA is a thirty credit masters program scheduled over five semesters beginning in the fall of 2019 and finishing with graduation in May 2021. Classes are held on the PNW BOCES campus one late afternoon through evening a week, with three full day Saturday sessions each semester.



Developing highly effective and diverse school and district leaders.

APPLICATION *process*

The application process begins with the superintendent's nomination of the candidate. After the nomination form is returned to Putnam|Northern Westchester BOCES, the candidate completes his/her application online through the Bank Street College website by scanning the QR code.



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