

# Lab in Program Assessment and Design

EDUC 0635



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Credits: 3.0 graduate credits

Required for students in the programs for School Principal and Reading Specialist; graduate elective for all others.

This is a school leadership course that will enable you to assess and analyze a program within the school system and then to design a plan for improvement. Westfield State is pleased to announce that this course will be offered **online** for the first time in the Spring 2013 semester!

First, students will identify a problem within their school or a program that needs improvement. Next, students will do intensive data collection to show the extent of the problem and the need for improvement. For the final project, students will design a realistic, workable plan for change. And remember, like any other “lab” course, we formulate hypotheses and do experiments!

We will also do some readings and discussions about the major components of leadership. A good leader knows how to analyze his/her school, knows what needs to change and what does not, and how to implement changes according to one’s own school climate.

Much of the work for this course will be done in the field – at your school or on your school district. And yes, this is modifiable for those students who do not currently work in a school.

This course gives you the opportunity to dig into the workings of the program or system that you choose and prepares you for when you will be put “in charge.”

...and lab coats are optional.

