
Principal Excellence and Innovation Initiatives at Cleveland State University

Description of Data: This section provides each program the opportunity to share information on a maximum of three initiatives geared to increase excellence and support innovation in the preparation of Ohio educators. (Data Source: Cleveland State University)

Initiative #1: Inspired Leaders Principal Licensure Program

Purpose: Provide dynamic school leadership for 21st century schools.

Goal: Offer a 16-month cohort-based alternative pathway to principal licensure for working professionals.

Number of Participants: 115

Strategy: Participants receive focused instruction on topics such as social justice, school reform, leading in 21st century schools, and making global connections. They learn how to use data and technology effectively, apply research to improve schools, manage personnel, make and implement strategic decisions, influence public policy, and create cultures of shared learning. Courses are offered using a blended instructional model that includes weekend and online components. A school leadership practicum and a practicum for fostering school-community partnerships are required.

Demonstration of Impact: The Center for Educational Leadership is expanding the Inspired Leaders Licensure Program due to high levels of interest. Graduates of the program are hired into school systems, retained, and continue to have success.

External Recognition: Area urban school districts have created leadership academies based on the Inspired Leaders Licensure Program.