

THE SOURCE FOR LEARNING-COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
SFL LM 102 -LEADERSHIP (36 clock hours\*)

Course Description

The Leadership course will help students gain a better understanding of strategies to implement change in the program, forging great partnerships, creating an inclusive program, and developing leadership skills. Students will have several required readings and assignments to support them in the opportunity to implement theory into practice in an early childhood setting.

General Course Purpose

Students will explore and learn effective leadership techniques best suited to the organization's continuous need to support change, collaboration, crisis management, and diversity challenges.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

- Attainment of a current, non-expired CDA or Early Childhood Development Career Studies Certificate (C.S.C.) Recipients: Completing the VA-ECAP courses qualify for a credential and a couple of courses may count towards an AA degree for Level I.
- Minimum of an Associate's degree or higher in ECE-CD or a Bachelor's degree in an unrelated field for Level II.
- SFL LM 101 - Management

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, students will be able to:

- Identify the characteristics of quality leaders
- Learn how to implement change and understand the administrator's role in the change process
- Understand and work with nonprofit board of directors
- Learn techniques and best practices of crisis management
- Create an early childhood program that meets the needs of a diverse population
- Understand inclusion practices

Major Topics to be Included

- Leadership Skills
- Managing Change Process
- Crisis Management
- Creating Inclusive Programs
- Family Engagement

*\*Upon successful completion of the course, students will be awarded CEUs from ODU, if requested.*