

# Education at The National Society of Leadership and Success



## Educators

- **Recruitment:** NSLS instructors are hired because of their strong academic background and commitment to continued educational growth.
- **Instructor Training:** Supplemental education involves orientation and leadership videos, completing steps to induction, mentoring by a veteran instructor, and finally, scaffolded instruction.
- **Intern Program:** Interested students receive an intensive two-day PD followed by training to develop an NSLS chapter (finding an advisor, recruiting an eboard/students, and running events.)

## Curriculum

- **Units of Study:** Student learning outcomes, guiding/essential questions, action steps, assessments, and other resources are interwoven throughout each level of the program.
- **Lesson Plans:** Student leaders are provided with comprehensive facilitators' guides both in writing and verbally from our instructors regarding objectives, anticipatory sets, materials, procedure, assessments, and differentiation/reteaching tools.
- **Additional Resources:**
  - > **Motivational Mondays:** Students are provided short, impactful words of wisdom each week with the goal of promoting a positive outlook and committed introspection.
  - > **Success Coaches:** Instructional coaches are available at all times to assist with personal goals, professional development, and other academic inquiries.
  - > **Leadership Collection:** A collection of videos (many from our partnership with Southern New Hampshire University's Leadership Conference) and from our own Speaker Broadcast Series, audio files, and documents that are available to all students as resources for enrichment leadership study.

## Instruction

- **Leadership Development:** At each level of the program, students complete a variety of steps designed to give them a multi-faceted view of leadership, its challenges and rewards.
  - > **Foundation Program Steps to Induction**
    - **Orientation:** Students are provided an introduction to the program, including a full understanding of the curricula and assessment schedule.
    - **Leadership Training Day:** Students are taught to identify their passions/goals and take specific steps to achieve them.
    - **Success Networking Teams:** Students meet in small groups to set SMART goals and hold one another accountable. Following each SNT, students reflect on the session and submit responses to their instructional coaches, who assess what the students have learned.
    - **Speaker Broadcast Series:** Students listen to live accounts from inspiring individuals who demonstrate leadership and have the opportunity both to respond in real-time and via the platform upon further reflection. Instructional coaches assess the messages received.
  - > **Advanced Program:** Students are encouraged to apply their leadership skills in the SNT setting and take part in service-learning projects to broaden their impact.
  - > **Executive Program:** Students are encouraged to go even deeper into their leadership studies, facilitate SNTs, and develop a Better World Project in order to mentor and lead others.
- **Regional Leadership Retreats:** Twice yearly, lead students come together to share best practices, take part in personal/professional workshops, and give back to the community.
- **National Leadership Summit:** Students from across country listen to and reflect on keynote speeches from top leaders and participate in workshops designed to develop expertise and spark conversations.

## Assessment

- **Qualitative Data:** As integral parts of the internship program and all three levels of study, both students and instructors are interviewed regularly regarding their academic achievement, experiential learning activity, and goal acquisition.
- **Quantitative Data:** At regular intervals, comprehensive information is gleaned from students and instructors regarding the ability of NSLS to meet the outlined objectives. This is done through formalized impact studies, membership tracking, and analysis, as well as pillar progress evaluation.



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