

What is TLSI? ►

TEACHER LEADERSHIP *and* SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Teacher Leadership and School Improvement online master's and specialist degree programs at the University of Florida College of Education are job-embedded degree programs that support school improvement through teacher inquiry. The programs encourage lifelong learning of teachers everywhere through a systematic investigation into teaching practices and strategies to enhance student achievement and cultivate teacher leadership.

TLSI Goals ►

- Strengthen teacher instruction and student learning in schools and classrooms;
- Develop and expand teacher leadership skills;
- Foster teacher leaders within academic content areas, such as reading, mathematics, science and technology.

Expanding the walls of classrooms by promoting lifelong learning for teachers and students alike.



TLSI Features ►

- Opportunities to improve classroom instruction through job-embedded experiences.
- An online-community gathering space where colleagues, faculty and experts in the field interact through various means such as audio and video podcasts and “blogs,” or Web logs.
- Districtwide professional development environments that promote school improvements through a shared vision.
- Improved teaching and student learning in classrooms, schools and districts through a blend of theory and practice.
- An exposure to new instructional strategies using technology that can be shared with students.

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Job-embedded professional development through inquiry

- ▶ In-class practicum experiences provide a unique way for practicing teachers to learn more about teaching to all students and test their new knowledge.

Teacher leadership

- ▶ Examination of different management positions offers future teacher educators insight into how various leadership roles play out within schools and districts. Practicing teachers are encouraged to assume administrative responsibilities by becoming mentors to preservice teachers, speaking at professional conferences and taking leadership roles in professional organizations.

Political advocacy

- ▶ Exploration of educational change theories gives teachers the tools they need to engage in such political advocacy strategies as writing editorial pieces and proposals for grants and meeting with school board members and lawmakers to improve education for all students.

Following is a sampling of the many diverse courses offered through TLSI:

- ▶ Guided Teacher Inquiry
- ▶ Teacher Leadership for School Change
- ▶ Transforming the Curriculum
- ▶ Data-driven Decision Making
- ▶ Differentiated Instruction

The Teacher Leadership for School Improvement programs are partnerships between the School of Teaching and Learning and the Center for School Improvement at the University of Florida College of Education, as well as the University of Florida Lastinger Center and UF Alliance.

Contributions to the Teacher Leadership for School Improvement program will help promote meaningful learning experiences for practicing teachers and students alike, ultimately resulting in improved educational experiences for all students.

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