The Leadership Certificate provides the COE undergraduate students an opportunity to expand their understanding of leadership and provides students practical experiences in leadership roles and development. Students enrolled in the program will be challenged to examine their own values, beliefs, and choices and they develop and expand their own personal leadership style. Students completing the program will be more confident in being agents of change in their own personal lives, classrooms, schools, and communities in which they live and work.

Four Phases of Leadership Certificate

1. **Perspectives in Leadership Course** – ED 348 – 3 Hours/offered in spring semester

   The Perspectives in Leadership course is the introduction course for students working toward a leadership certificate. Students will learn about theory and take inventories to learn about their personal leadership preference. The College of Education’s four Core Values will be covered from a leadership perspective. During the semester long class students will draft a Leadership Development Plan that will serve as a roadmap for their personal leadership development when selecting electives and completing the experiential learning phase leading to a leadership certificate.

2. **Electives or additional leadership opportunities** – 3 hours or 150 points

   Students choose from one of the following electives;
   - Leadership courses offered in other Colleges outside the COE at Butler University
   - Short Term Travel Abroad
   - Leadership role in Shortridge Summer Camp or other leadership summer experience
   - Students who are not interested in the courses offered in the elective phase may participate in the experiential phase by earning an additional 150 points.

3. **Experiential Learning Phase** – 100 points

   Students will design a Leadership Development Plan totaling 100 points with approval by leadership course instructor.

4. **Capstone Experience** – Sharing Your Leadership Story

   The capstone experience is the culminating activity in the leadership certificate program where students share their leadership experiences with other students, COE staff and other invited guest in an April presentation during the Leadership spring course. The leadership course instructor will approve capstone experience.