

“A unique blend of theory and practice.”

Thank you for your email and inquiry regarding the LERN program offering an M.A. in Educational Administration, with an emphasis in Adult and Higher Education.

Here is some basic information to help you get started:

1. The entire program consists of 33 credit hours. 15 credit hours are earned from LERN and 18 are earned from USD. The LERN curriculum includes the Program Management Institutes for four credit hours and then 11 hours can be chosen from other institutes we offer in marketing, contract training, digital marketing, and others which are on our website. Visit <https://lern.org/lern-masters-degree-program/> for details.
2. You can find current LERN course offerings at <https://lern.org/events-education>.
3. If you want to begin earning credit immediately through a LERN course, you may enroll as a special/non-degree student. This will allow you to receive credit while you are completing your full application. You can enroll on the USD website at <https://www.usd.edu/usd-online/non-degree-seeking-students>. You may earn up to 12 credits as a special student that will count toward your degree.
4. To gain acceptance to the degree program, complete the Graduate School Application Form. Access this form at www.usd.edu/graduate-school/apply-now. **Please forward a copy of your completed application to info@lern.org to make sure LERN knows you are enrolled as a graduate student with the University of South Dakota/LERN.**
5. If you have taken and successfully passed LERN Institute courses prior to your enrollment, it is still possible to get credit toward your degree. You will need to register through USD for that course when it is offered, re-register through LERN and pay the difference in cost between the certificate program and the credit program (about \$200) and complete any work required for credit that is not required for the certificate.

6. You can register for LERN courses by enrolling in the Graduate Credit option for LERN Institutes (www.lern.org/). You can also earn LERN credit for attending the LERN annual/ virtual conference. One hour of credit is available for students who attend and submit a required paper.

“Part of the reason that I even qualified for my new position is because I have a master’s degree, which I earned through the LERN/USD partnership. Thank you!”

-Terry Newman, Gavilan College, California

IMPORTANT: In order to be issued USD credit, individuals seeking this degree must be registered for the LERN course(s) and/or institute(s) through LERN as well as through USD.

PROGRAM COST: The current graduate tuition rate for USD’s online courses is \$470.46/credit hour. The tuition rate is the same regardless of the state or country of residence. **LERN courses, including the \$40 fee for USD transcription is around \$336.11/credit hour.** This special tuition rate for LERN participants is an attractive feature of the USD/LERN partnership.

Regarding the syllabus for any of USD’s courses, you will need to contact:

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You can find additional information on the **USD Website** at <https://www.usd.edu/usd-online/customized-and-professional-education/lern>