

The Boston Teacher Leadership Certificate

Leadership Development by and for Boston's Teacher Leaders

Today the Boston Public Schools offers an excellent education to many students. The Boston Teacher Leadership Certificate program brings teacher leaders together from across the district to learn from one another in a professional community that is a catalyst for stronger teaching and learning for *all* students.

We believe that by working together
we have what it takes to teach all children well.

How it works

BPS teacher leaders who hold roles designed to support instructional improvement are able to register for courses that address the key skills they need to succeed.

Using Data: Participants learn how to access and collect multiple forms of data and build a repertoire of strategies for guiding their teams to understand, analyze and use data in decision-making and to communicate data results in ways that empower community members to envision their role in improvement.

Supporting Instruction: Participants gain expertise in applying principles of adult learning as they learn and practice strategies for observing teaching, examining student work collaboratively, analyzing instruction & instructional resources, facilitating growth-oriented dialogue, and planning effective professional learning experiences.

Shared Leadership: Participants learn approaches for building unity of vision within a team, managing an effective, collaborative team, facilitating change and understanding the role of individuals and teams within school and district systems.

Professional Expertise: Participants build routines for guiding team reflection and harnessing professional expertise within a school, while also building skills to access and use the professional knowledge base and to apply that knowledge to systemic improvement.

The courses are offered to cohorts of teacher leaders who hold similar roles.

	District-Based Data Roles <i>Including...</i>	School-Based Team Leaders <i>Including...</i>	Mentors <i>Including...</i>
	LAT Facilitators and Members AAF Service Team Members	Grade-Level Team Leaders Subject-Area Team Leaders Math or Literacy Coaches	New Teacher Developers BTR Mentors Mentors of student teachers
Using Data	12 Tuesdays, 4:30- 7pm, beginning February 28	12 Thursdays, 4:30-7pm, beginning February 9	Fall 2012
Supporting Instruction	Fall 2012	Fall 2012	12 Wednesdays, 4:30-7pm, beginning February 1
Shared Leadership	12 Mondays, 4:30-7pm, beginning February 27	12 Thursdays, 4:30-7pm, beginning February 16	Fall 2012
Professional Expertise	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Spring 2013

Registration fee for each course is \$100. Participants have the option of earning 3 graduate credits from Cambridge College (additional fee of \$150) or as part of UMass Boston's new CAGS program in teacher leadership (\$300). Teachers who complete each of the core courses in addition to role-relevant training will earn the **Boston Teacher Leadership Certificate**, distinguishing them as professionals with leadership expertise.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.bpe.org/teachers/teacherleaders/certificate>