



**SUMMER
SPRINGBOARD**
Look Inward. Go Upward.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP INFOSHEET

**New student admissions for
Summer 2026 are open.**

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.



Academic Program Overview

The Educational Leadership course is designed for students who are curious about the field of education and the craft of teaching. This interactive program introduces high school students to the foundations of education, classroom leadership, curriculum leadership, design, and global learning systems.

Students will take part in hands-on activities and step into the role of educators themselves. Through group discussions, professional shadowing experiences, and real-world case studies, they explore what it takes to be an effective and impactful teacher. Whether you're considering a future in education, youth development, or education policy, this course provides a deeper understanding of the teaching profession and a strong foundation for continued study.



Excursions

Throughout the program, students take part in engaging excursions that bring classroom concepts to life. They'll visit a range of educational settings, from private schools to interactive learning spaces, where they can observe teaching strategies in action and explore different learning environments.

Students also connect with professionals in the field, gaining valuable insight into the wide range of careers in education and learning more about the future of teaching and innovation.

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Over time, franchise food chains have become a staple in the American diet. Large fast food companies are maximizing cost, which leads to the abandonment of quality ingredients. This ends in lower-quality ingredients that have been linked to chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. Poor digestion and mental well-being. While you may think that only cheap fast food restaurants use low-quality ingredients, many fine dining and expensive restaurants don't use organic-quality ingredients. So, by heading to a restaurant, you may not be getting the quality you need to thrive. Food intake, restaurants have historically been a place where social connections are made. Did you know that over 20% of first dates happen at a restaurant. Did you know that over 20% of first dates happen at a restaurant. Did you know that over 20% of first dates happen at a restaurant.



Program Highlights

- Explore key concepts like Universal Design for Learning (UDL), classroom management and student engagement using real-world case studies
- Design and deliver original lesson plans, receiving peer feedback to strengthen communication and teaching skills
- Work with experienced educators who offer insight into the teaching profession
- Present a final lesson to showcase your teaching skills and reflect on what you've learned

2026 Dates

[Barnard College, Columbia University](#)

- Session 2: July 19 - July 31

Instructors

Patricia Brooks-Dickens, MPH

Patricia Brooks-Dickens brings over 25 years of experience in training educators, improving instructional practices, and designing engaging learning experiences. Patricia has served as the Subject Knowledge Expert for Science across nine schools, where she led professional development, coached faculty, and supported curriculum design. She holds a Master's degree in Innovations in Education and Public Health from the University of South Wales. Patricia has worked across the UK, UAE, USA, and the Caribbean, helping educators bridge research with practical classroom application.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$5,998

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner and weekend excursions
 - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$3,298

Supplements:

- **Application fee:** Starting at \$99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan:** Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday through Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).



Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast	
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival	
12PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity	
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You	
5PM- 6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure	
6PM	Dinner	
7PM	Clubs	
10:30PM	Night Checks	

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