School Financial Leadership focuses on financial policies, practices, and issues connected to PK–12 school operations. The course describes various sources of school funding, the impact these sources can have on managing school budgets, and the challenges connected to finances that are often encountered by school leaders to ensure equitable financial support for all students. Candidates learn how to analyze different types of school budgets and understand the principal's role in the budgetary process to ensure alignment to the school's mission, vision, and values. This course also identifies and explains various types of commonly used accounting regulations, rules, and professional ethical principles used to create, maintain, and evaluate school budgets to ensure the equitable and ethical use of financial resources. This course is designed to be taken after successful completion of D017: School Law.

Competencies

- **Readiness**
  This competency exists to assess the readiness of students.

- **School Funding Sources**
  The graduate applies knowledge of school funding sources to support equitable distribution of school funds when managing school resources.

- **School Budgeting**
  The graduate analyzes the budgetary processes to ensure alignment with the school's mission, vision, and core values.

- **School Accounting and Accountability**
  The graduate analyzes school accounting systems to ensure legal and ethical use of financial resources.

Learning

**Getting Started**
Welcome to School Financial Leadership. In this course you will learn about different funding sources, contemporary issues of school funding, budgetary processes, school accounting, and audits practices to promote school improvement and success as a future school leader. You will access the course materials through the Smart Author platform which is composed of readings, videos, and interactive learning checks and quizzes. We encourage you to view the topics and pacing section to help you plan and track your progress for this course. Course instructors are also available and eager to discuss concepts of the course and answer any questions you may have. Competency will be demonstrated by the successful completion of an objective assessment.