

## The Aspiring Leaders Program

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Education, in partnership with the Educational Leadership Consortium of Nova Scotia (NSELC), is pleased to offer the Nova Scotia Aspiring Leaders Program. The program was developed in response to an identified priority by Nova Scotia School Boards and to the commitment to excellence in teaching and leadership in the Minister's Action Plan for Education.

This professional learning opportunity is designed to support teachers, mentors, department heads and school board consultants who are interested in becoming effective school principals and/or vice principals.

The Aspiring Leaders Program extends over 13 months beginning in August 2015 and includes two summer institutes and 7 Friday/Saturday Seminars. **An 8 day residency program will be integrated throughout the program.** A certificate will be granted following an exit assessment and successful completion of all program components.

### Program Components

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**Summer Institute 2015:** Three days, Halifax **Cost: \$590.00 plus HST**

- Program orientation and Insights Discovery
- *The Artisan Teacher* with Mike Rutherford (two days). ALP participants will join other teachers and administrators from around the province for this two-day conference.

**Friday/Saturday Seminars:** Seminars will be held with Friday sessions starting at 1:00 p.m. and full day Saturday sessions. The exception will be Seminar 4, in January, 2016, which will run for two full days. Seminar locations will be accessible and will be determined based on expressions of interest. The residency program will be held within individual school boards.

### Seminars

1. Diversity and Social Justice (September) **Cost: \$140.00 plus HST**
2. School Culture and Building Relationships (October) **Cost: \$140.00 plus HST**
3. Leading Change (November) **Cost: \$140.00 plus HST**
4. Instructional Leadership (January) **Cost: \$180.00 plus HST**
5. Collaborative Learning Teams (February) **Cost: \$140.00 plus HST**
6. Communication Skills (April) **Cost: \$140.00 plus HST**
7. School Management (May) **Cost \$140.00 plus HST**

**Summer Institute on Student Services, 2016:** Date to be determined **Cost: \$180.00 plus HST**

The total cost of the full 13 month program is \$1790 + HST per participant.

**Application Process:** Applications will be available through participating School Board websites and selections will be based on identified criteria and an interview by a panel of Board personnel.