

PATTI S. MORTENSEN

Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership

Dr. Patti Mortensen teaches graduate level courses in the Department of Educational Leadership in the College of Education. With over 20 years of experience in K-12 administrative roles, Dr. Mortensen is dedicated to educating and training new administrators for the responsibilities and rigor of K-12 leadership. In addition, Dr. Mortensen teaches and assists practicing administrators in developing advanced leadership skills and dispositions as they pursue the education specialist and doctoral level degrees in educational leadership. Dr. Mortensen is interested in action-based research surrounding the impacts of federal, state, and local educational policies on school and district-level leadership and governance.

EDUCATION

Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID.

Ed.S., Educational Administration, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID.

M.Ed., Educational Leadership, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

B.A., Elementary Education, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Educational research methodologies and the practical application of current research to improve leadership practice in K-12 educational settings

RESEARCH & CURRENT PROJECTS

Research regarding educator shortages in Idaho and factors that influence high school graduates' choice relative to teaching and education as a career option.