

Yonkers Urban Leadership Academy

Yonkers Public Schools Bank Street Graduate School of Education The Leadership Academy

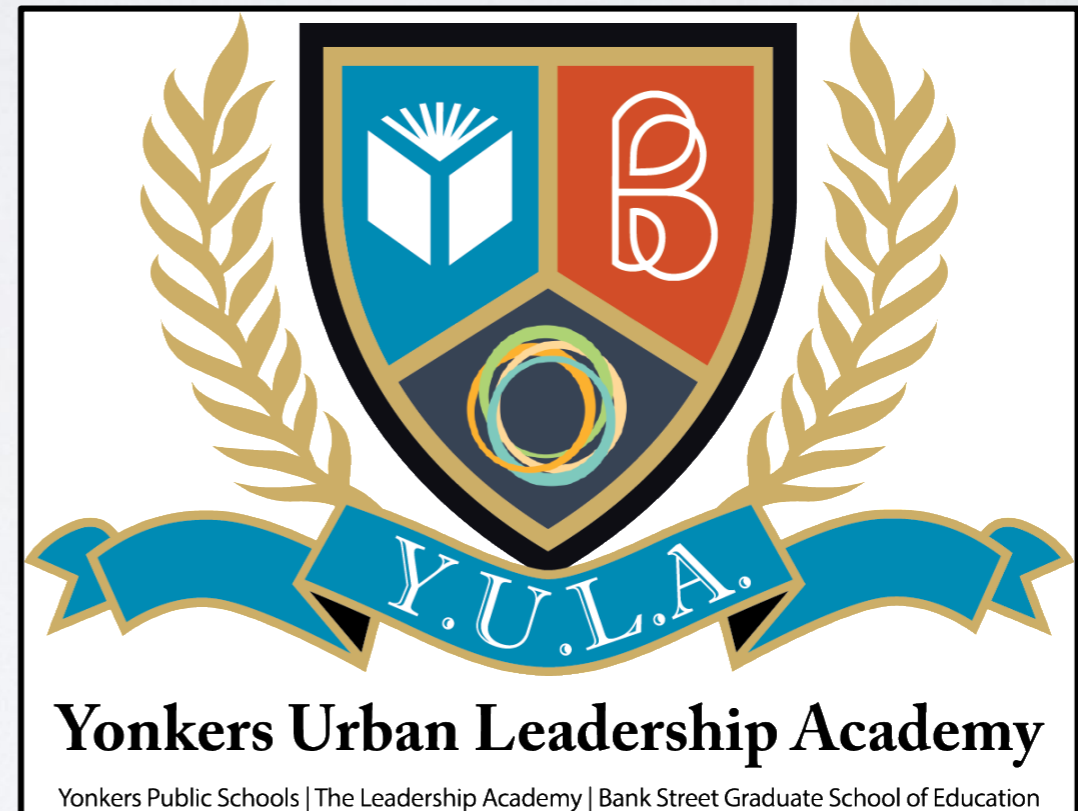
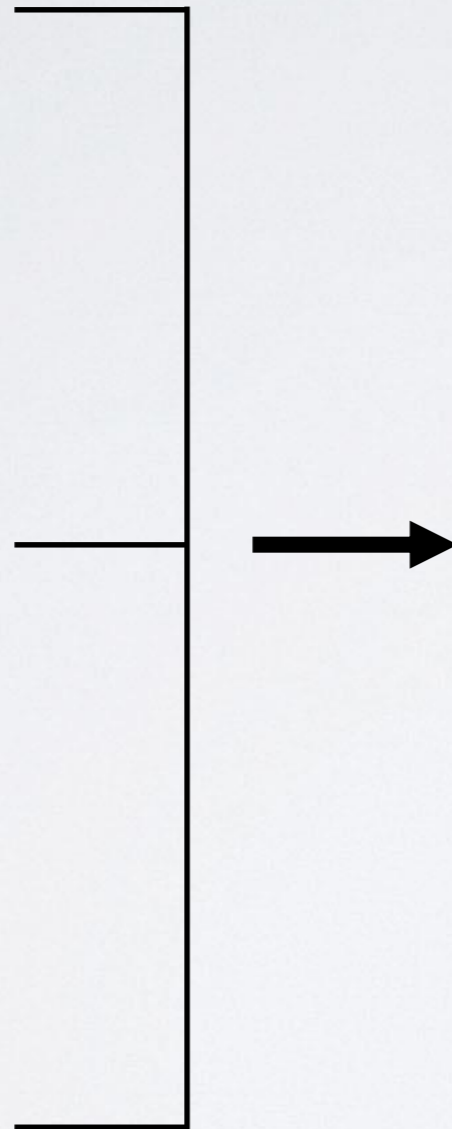


Principal Preparation Programs

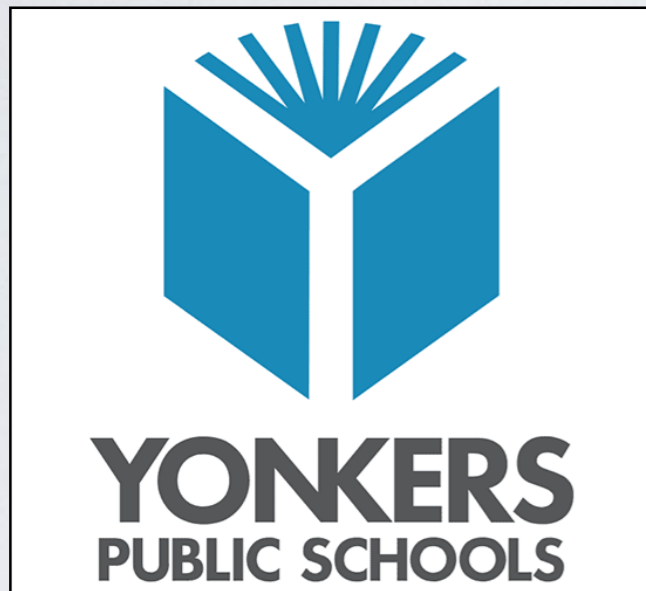
Full-Time Programs

Part-Time Programs

Alternate Pathways



Program Partners



Bank Street Graduate School



- Applicants admitted into the YULA program attend Bank Street Graduate School of Education, earning their Master's Degree in Education Leadership and School Building Leader certification in four semesters
- YULA students are provided with a 56% tuition scholarship, bringing the total cost of tuition from \$51,300 to \$22,500
- Optional fifth semester to complete the School District Leader certification

Continuous Program Support



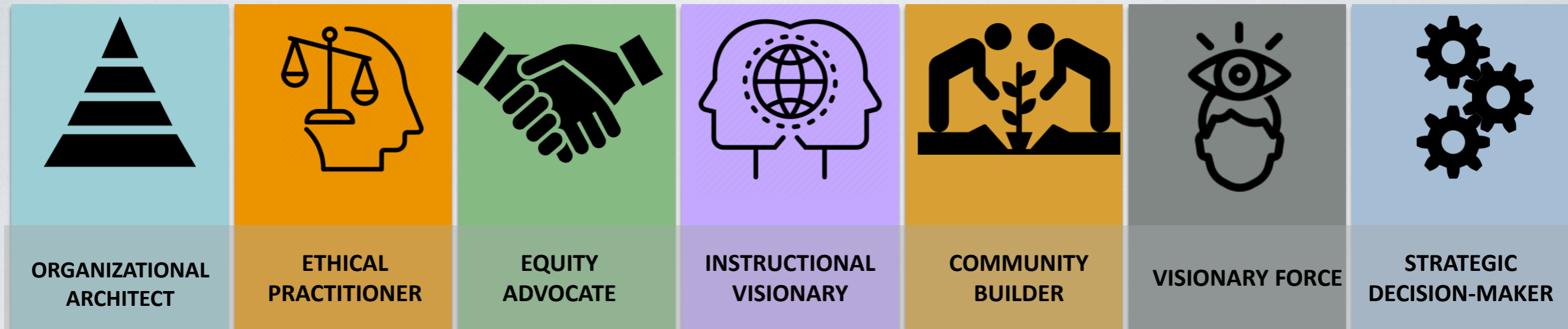
- In addition to receiving guidance from program facilitators and cooperating administrators, YULA leadership students receive ongoing support and mentorship from expert coaches throughout the duration of the internship
- The Leadership Academy coordinates and oversees the coaching pairings, as well as training for cooperating administrators

YULA Overview



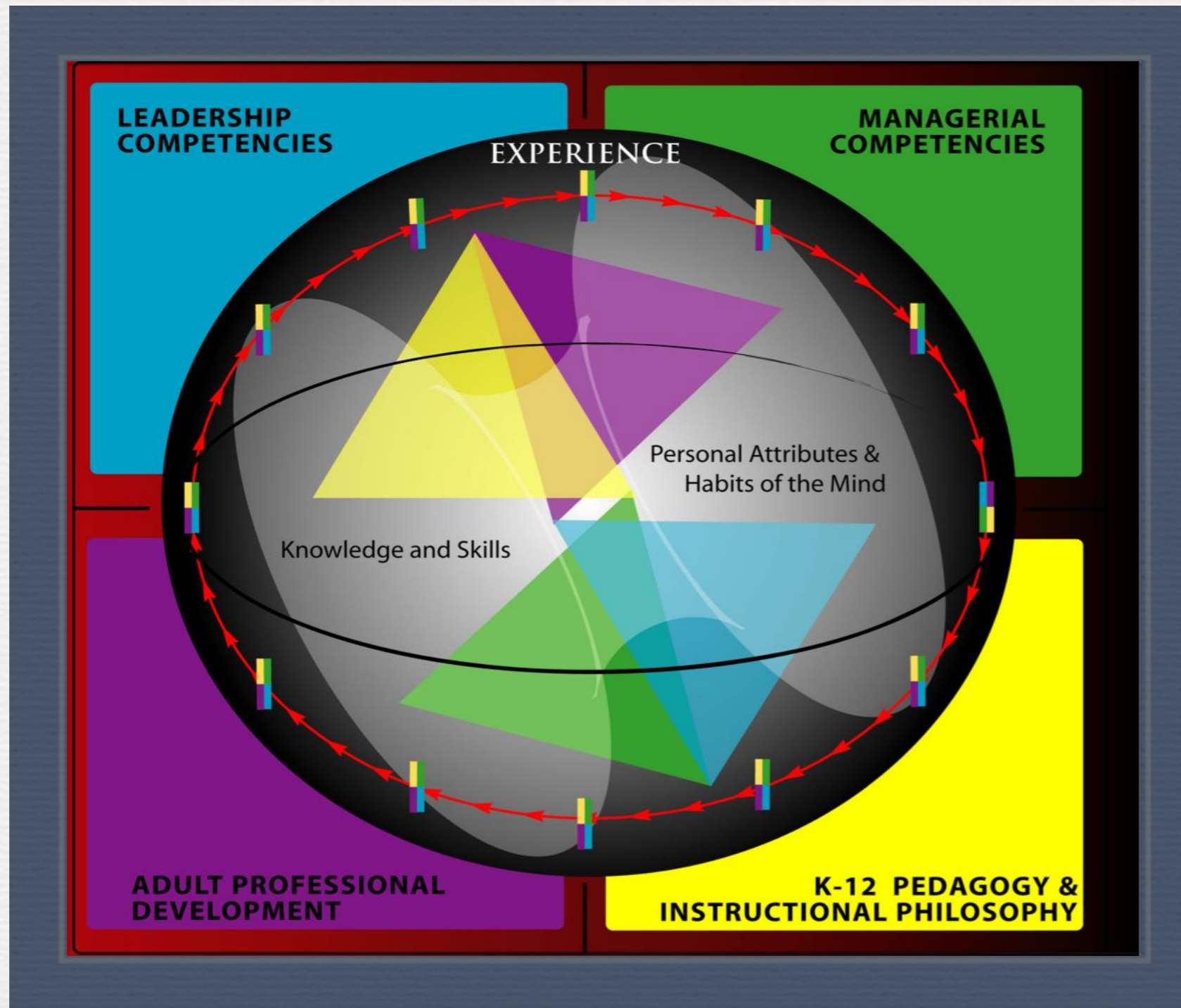
- Transformative graduate program that prepares the next generation of school leaders
- Integrates practice & skill development with theory and research
- Advocates innovation and risk-taking to promote institutional change
- Employs a competency-based curricular approach

Competency-Based Education



- The competencies were developed by synthesizing the NELP & PSEL Standards, thereby ensuring that students developing the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that are essential to transformation school leadership
- Leadership students demonstrate their proficiency in applying their learning in each competency area through learning activities, projects, and fieldwork, rather than by attending a series of disconnected courses
- Leadership students have the opportunity to differentiate their learning and demonstrate proficiency within each of the competency areas

YULA Guiding Framework



YULA Program Structure



- The YULA cohort is limited to 15 students
- YULA is a rigorous four semester, 30 credit masters degree program

- Courses are delivered over four semesters: a multi-week summer session & one night of class alternating weeks during fall, spring and fall semesters
- During the course of the program, students complete a 450-hour internship



Summer Intensive



- Classes are delivered over two weeks, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Instruction combines whole class, small groups, guest lectures, multi-media presentations, case studies, and authentic community interaction
- Ongoing assessment throughout the summer in the form of formative, summative, 1:1, and peer feedback



Administrative Internship



- Leadership students complete a 450-hour administrative internship during the school year
- The internship experience enables leadership students to develop the competency areas that are critical to effective leadership
- The internship is shaped through the collaborative efforts among the leadership student, cooperating administrator, coach, and program facilitators

Internship Deliverables



- Memorandum of Agreement
- Data Driven Audit
- Principal Shadowing Project

- Teacher Observation Project
- Resource Allocation Project
- Leadership Initiative and Implementation Project
- Final Reflection



Urban School Design Project

- The Urban School Design Project allows leadership students to highlight their plans to close the access gap through the design of innovative and high-performing schools



- The Urban School Design Project showcases the knowledge and skills that leadership students have developed during their experience in YULA
- Working collaboratively in teams throughout the final Fall semester, leadership students design and present a new school to a panel of experts

Cost Benefit Analysis

We believe YULA is highly cost-effective because:



- Students receive a 56% scholarship
- Cost is \$750/credit
- Financial Aid
- YULA students keep their jobs & income
- Opportunity to recoup your initial financial investment

Admissions Requirements

Applicants seeking admissions must possess:

- Tenure in Yonkers Public Schools
- A full-time paid position in Yonkers Public Schools
- Commitment to serving as a leader in a public school setting
- Demonstrated track record of success as an urban school educator
- Minimum of one year of adult leadership experience, which may include formal and informal roles

Application Requirements

All potential students must submit:

- An online application for admission
- A current resume
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Official copies of undergraduate & graduate transcripts
- A statement of purpose describing leadership experiences and aspirations for school leadership

Dates to Remember

- Complete application: June 2, 2021
- Interviews: June 7, 2021 – June 11, 2021
- Admission Notification: June 15, 2021
- Orientation: June 21, 2021
- Registration: June 22, 2021 – June 25, 2021
- Summer Session: July 12-15 and July 19-22, 2021
- Internship: begins September 2021 and ends December 2022

Why Choose YULA?



- No opportunity cost; maintain your current position
- Innovative curricular model enables you to focus on individualized growth

- Cohort model enables leadership students & alumni to develop professional networks
- Earn your school building leadership certification & master's degree in four semesters



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