

## Leadership (LEAD)

The Leadership competency area focuses on teamwork, communication, and simply leading by example. While throughout student affairs there are certain titles that demonstrate leadership skills, the truth is that you do not need a title. The skill can be demonstrated by motivating and promoting student success in whatever capacity you hold. For me, I believe my skill level is intermediate in this competency area.

Through my course studies in higher education, there have been courses such as EDHE 660, where each graduate student in our small group had certain tasks to complete while analyzing historical documents and others that encouraged me to participate in meaningful discussions about theory. All of which has deepened my understanding of leadership styles and recognizing the importance of being an effective leader.

For my applied experience, I would say that my leadership skills are demonstrated when I am interviewing and mentoring peer mentors, giving input in meetings, and when I am planning events. Conducting one-on-one meetings at the end of the month with the peer mentors has strengthened my skills when giving performance feedback and offering support.

Looking towards the future, I must seek roles within student affairs that will cultivate this competency. Effective leaders are essential to student development.