

Doctoral

Educational Leadership Superintendent

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Educational Doctorate (EdD)

Educational Leadership at SIUE

SIUE's School of Education, Health and Human Behavior offers the educational leadership program. The Department of Educational Leadership at SIUE offers two programs of study leading to the education doctorate degree (EdD) in educational leadership: the superintendent/district-level leadership option and the general school leadership option. The superintendent/district-level leadership option embeds existing coursework leading to advanced certification as a district-level school administrator (superintendent). In addition to this coursework, candidates focus on advanced study of district-level leadership, school law, politics, policy-making and research.

Courses are offered in a flexible, blended/hybrid format. Students are required to meet on-campus one evening per week, while also completing assignments online. A typical student will complete two, eight-week courses each semester. For students holding a master's degree, the program will typically take four years to complete (two years for the specialist degree coursework, and two years for the additional advanced coursework and the research sequence). For students already holding their superintendent specialist degree, the program typically will take two years to complete.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate School application and \$40 fee
- Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
- Master of science in education degree or its equivalent
 - Grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale in graduate study
 - Hold or have held a position requiring an Illinois Type 75 (building administration) certificate or its equivalent
- Current resume that clearly indicates:
 - Educational background
 - Diversity of P-12 work experience
 - Progression of P-12 leadership experiences.
- Three letters of reference from administrators or supervisor who have firsthand knowledge of the candidate's professional work. Letters must address:
 - Nature of the relationship with the applicant (at least one is current or past supervisor)
 - Leadership experience
 - Ability to work collaboratively
 - Ability to impact schools to improve student learning
 - Oral and written communication skills
 - Potential to become a transformative educational leader.
- Written responses to three focus questions that consider the goals of the EdD program and preparation for doctoral study.

All requirements will be reviewed by a faculty admissions committee to determine the potential of the candidate to affect school district change.

There are two possible admission points for the EdD program.

- An MS degree
- An Illinois Type 75 certificate (or equivalent) and who wish to earn the superintendent's endorsement while completing the doctorate degree

Mid-point admission for students who hold:

- A specialist's degree (within the past ten years)
- A superintendent's endorsement
- An Illinois type 75 certificate (or equivalent) and who want to complete the doctorate degree.

Official transcripts must be sent electronically to etranscripts@siue.edu directly from the institution or mailed to:

SIUE Graduate and International Admissions
Campus Box 1047
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Curriculum

For early admission, 54 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the master's degree are required for the EdD degree. For midpoint admission, 24 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the specialist's degree are required for the EdD degree.

Study of foundational theory of school district level leadership (27 semester hours)

(Early admission courses)

EDAD 555 - Superintendency and District Administration*
EDAD 560 - Educational Policy Making and Governance*
EDAD 563 - School and Community Relations*
EDAD 565 - Personnel Administration*
EDAD 570 - Leadership Theory and Practice*
EDAD 573 - Educational Facilities, Planning and Management*
EDAD 575 - Strategic Management*
EDAD 580 - District Program Development*
EDAD 585 - School Business Administration*

Internship and Field Study

(Early admission course)

EDAD 591-Internship Practicum*

NOTES – *Successful completion results in specialist's degree and recommendation for Illinois Superintendent's certificate.

Advanced Study and Research

(Early admission and midpoint admission courses)

EDAD 600 - Proseminar in the Superintendency
EDAD 620 - Advanced School Law
EDAD 660 - Politics and Policy-Making in Education
EPFR 605 - Qualitative Inquiry-includes field study*
EPFR 601 - Quantitative Inquiry
EDAD 690 - Research Topics in Educational Leadership
EDAD 698 - Doctoral Capstone Research Project

Application Deadline

The priority application deadline for those already holding a superintendent endorsement is February 1. All other admissions are on a rolling basis.

Graduation Requirements

Qualifying examination for advancement to candidacy: The examination consists of essay questions that address course content. The exam is read by three faculty members and assessed for content and quality. Candidate must pass the examination to advance.

Final Capstone Research Project: The project requires an extensive written document that presents the results of the candidate's research. An oral presentation and successful defense of the project before a committee of three faculty members is required for program completion. Planning the project occurs in EDAD 690 and the project is carried out, defended, and finalized in EDAD 698.

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