

Educational Administration–Principal

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Master of Science in Education (MSEd)
- Education Specialist (EdS)

Endorsement

- Principal Endorsement

Educational Administration at SIUE

The Department of Educational Leadership offers a program of study leading to the Master of Science in Education (MSEd). There are two program options: teacher leader or principal. There are three pathways that lead to the Principal Endorsement on Illinois' Professional Educator License, Teacher Leader and/or Initial Administration Certification in Missouri:

- Master's program
- Specialist's program for students who already hold a master's degree
- Certification-only (non-degree) program for students who already hold a master's degree, but do not wish to pursue an additional graduate degree

This two-year program can be completed in its entirety by taking courses one evening per week or one Saturday a month, with the exception of the summer term. Students choosing to take classes on Saturday will be required to come to campus four times per semester.

Career Opportunities

Completion of the principal endorsement program (endorsement, master's or specialist) ordinarily satisfies Illinois requirements for the associated endorsement. The principal endorsement prepares professionals to be elementary, middle school, or high school principals and assistant principals. Courses are generally acceptable for certification in other states.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate School application and \$40 fee
- Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
- Master of Science in Education or its equivalent; a GPA of 3.25 (A=4.0) or higher in graduate study
- International Applicants: Proof of English proficiency, minimum requirements are TOEFL (79), IELTS (6.5) or equivalent
- All applicants must show they have at least two years of teaching experience.
- Applicants must hold, or have held a pre-K-12 teaching position for four years to qualify for licensure.

Program application materials may be uploaded during the application process, but official transcripts must be sent directly from the school attended, and test scores must be verifiable with the appropriate testing service. Please contact the Graduate Admissions office with questions regarding the application submission process at graduateadmissions@siue.edu.

Candidate Requirements

Students meeting the admission requirements will be given provisional admission allowing them to enroll in EDAD 500: Organization and Administration of Schools. During EDAD 500, students complete the candidate selection process. This process includes:

- Completion of a leadership portfolio summarizing leadership experience and potential for instructional leadership
- Identification of a qualified mentor for internship experiences
- Participation in a selection interview
- An assessment of written communication skills based on a response to a case study

Upon successful completion of EDAD 500 and selection as a candidate, candidates receive full admittance to the program.



Graduate Faculty

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2000, Texas A&M University

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2009, University of Illinois,
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2006, University of Arizona

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2008, Western Illinois University

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2002, State University of New York
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Graduation Requirements

All candidates must complete a four course field-based internship which is aligned with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education standards, the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium standards, the 36 critical success factors outlined in the Southern Research Education Board's "The Principal Internship: How Can We Get It Right?", the Educational Leadership Constituents Council standards, and the Illinois State Board of Education General Administration Endorsement standards.

The internship is supervised and evaluated by an administrator in the field and a faculty member from the Department of Educational Leadership of SIUE.

All specialist degree candidates are required to complete a field study/research project that is presented to a faculty committee. Specialist degree candidates must have a minimum 3.25 GPA.

All master's candidates must complete a program portfolio.

Specialist Degree - Principal

Required Courses (33 hours)

Lecture Courses

- EDAD 500 – Introduction to School Leadership
- EDAD 520 – School Law
- EDAD 525a – Instructional Leadership and Supervision: Theory and Research
- EDAD 530a – Data Driven School Improvement and Accountability: Theory and Research
- EDAD 535a – Curriculum Leadership: Theory and Research
- EDAD 545a – The Principalship: Theory and Research

Field-Based Internship Courses

- EDAD 525b – Instructional Leadership and Supervision: Field Experience
- EDAD 530b – Data Driven School Improvement and Accountability: Field Experience
- EDAD 535b – Curriculum Leadership: Field Experience
- EDAD 545b – The Principalship: Field Experience
- EDAD 595 – Field Study

Master of Science in Education - Principal

Required Courses (36 hours)

Lecture Courses

- EDAD 500 (3) – Introduction to School Leadership
- EDAD 520 (3) – School Law
- EDAD 525a (3) – Instructional Leadership and Supervision: Theory and Research
- EDAD 530a (3) – Data Driven School Improvement and Accountability: Theory and Research
- EDAD 535a (3) – Curriculum Leadership: Theory and Research
- EDAD 545a (3) – The Principalship: Theory and Research
- EPFR 501 (3) – Research Methods in Education
- EPFR 521 (3) – Analysis of Educational Issues: Sociocultural Foundations of Education

Field-Based Internship Courses

- EDAD 525b (3) – Instructional Leadership and Supervision: Field Experience
- EDAD 530b (3) – Data Driven School Improvement and Accountability: Field Experience
- EDAD 535b (3) – Curriculum Leadership: Field Experience
- EDAD 545b (3) – The Principalship: Field Experience

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