

DOCTORAL

Superintendent Doctorate

School of Education, Health and
Human Behavior
Department of Educational Leadership

SIUE



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Superintendent Doctorate at SIUE

The Department of Educational Leadership offers two programs of study leading to the Education Doctorate (EdD) in educational leadership:

- **Superintendent/district-level leadership option**
- General school leadership option

The superintendent/district-level leadership option is designed for educators who have already completed a superintendent specialist degree program. Candidates focus on advanced study of district-level leadership, school law, politics, policy-making and research.

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Education Doctorate (EdD)

Program Format

- Flexible, blended/hybrid format
- Typically takes two years to complete

Students are required to meet on campus one evening per week while also completing assignments online for the first four semesters of the program. The final two semesters are primarily independent study.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate School application and \$40 fee
- Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
- Master of Science in education or its equivalent
 - GPA of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale in graduate study
 - Hold or have held a position requiring an Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) or equivalent
- A superintendent specialist degree (within the past 10 years)
- A superintendent's endorsement
- 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 supervisors 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.

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Admission Requirements Cont.

- 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.

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

SIUE Graduate and International Admissions
Campus Box 1047
Edwardsville, IL 62026

Application Deadline

The priority application deadline is February 1. Students are required to begin coursework in the summer term.

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. Candidates 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.

Required Credit Hours/Tuition and Fees

- 24
- Visit siue.edu/graduate-tuition for detailed tuition information

Curriculum

Twenty-four semester hours of graduate credit beyond the specialist's degree are required for the EdD.

Advanced Study and Research

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 (taken twice)

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