EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ED.S.

The educational leadership program at Saint Louis University’s School of Education (https://www.slu.edu/education/) is a long-standing, highly respected graduate program preparing educational leaders through the Specialist in Educational Leadership degree. The Educational Leadership Specialist degree is designed to prepare students to become executive-level educational leaders.

Students enter the program with a master’s in educational leadership or a related field. The specialist degree is used by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to qualify students who do not yet have a doctorate for advanced, superintendent certification.

In addition to a master’s degree, 30–36 credits in educational leadership coursework is required by Missouri DESE for program coursework to count toward the superintendent certificate.

Educational leadership students with a job opportunity dependent on early certification or a salary increase in a school district salary schedule may apply for the specialist degree while completing doctoral coursework.

Students engaged in the concentration in Catholic education can achieve an Ed.S. by ensuring they complete the courses outlined in the roadmap if wishing to get certification as a superintendent.

Curriculum Overview

The degree requires completion of 30–36 credits of coursework. The course offerings are aligned with the state requirements for accreditation as well as course requirements students must have to qualify for certification. Those courses are set over a three-year cycle so all entering students have access to the courses they need.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

The program includes site-based activities aligned with coursework. Those students wishing to acquire superintendent certification must ensure they complete a three-hour internship in the field.

Careers

The educational leadership degree programs prepare students to fill a variety of leadership roles including: superintendent, assistant superintendent, director, program director and curriculum/teacher leader. Additionally, some doctoral students design a special individualized program to prepare for a leadership role as a principal or in a nonprofit, medical, Catholic, or business organization.

Admission Requirements

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php).

Application Requirements

• Application form and fee
• Transcript(s)
• Three letters of recommendation

Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

• Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/graduate/english-language-proficiency/)
• Proof of financial support must include:
  • A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  • A letter from the sponsor’s bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
• Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Application Deadlines

Domestic students should apply for the fall semester by June 15, for the spring semester by November 1, and for the summer semester by April 1. International students should apply by May 1 for the fall semester, October 1 for the spring semester, and February 1 for the summer semester.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed by committee.

Apply Now (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for graduate assistantship, applicants should complete their applications by Feb. 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at http://finaid.slu.edu.

Learning Outcomes

1. Candidates who complete the program are educational leaders who have the knowledge and ability to ensure the success of all students by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community.

2. Candidates who complete the program are educational leaders who have the knowledge and ability to promote the success of all students by promoting a positive school culture and an effective instructional program, applying best practice to student learning, and designing comprehensive professional growth plans for staff.

3. Candidates who complete the program are educational leaders who have the knowledge and ability to ensure the success of all students by leading personnel and managing the organizational structure and resources in a way that promotes a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

4. Candidates who complete the program are educational leaders who have the knowledge and ability to ensure the success of all students.
by collaborating with families and other community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources.

5. Candidates who complete the program are educational leaders who have the knowledge and ability to promote the success of all students by acting with integrity, responsibility and in an ethical manner.

6. Candidates who complete the program are educational leaders who have the knowledge and ability to ensure the success of all students by understanding, responding to and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

7. Candidates who complete the program are educational leaders who have the knowledge and ability to remain current on best practices in education administration and school-related areas as evidence by establishing a plan for his/her professional development each year.

Requirements
A minimum of 30 credits beyond a master’s degree is required for the specialist degree, as required by the Missouri DESE.

The educational leadership certification officer reviews the student's transcript, audits the courses that qualify for the 30-36 credits, and approves the request for the specialist degree.

**Elective Courses**
Select 30 credits from the following:

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**Total Credits**

Research Courses
Students must complete master's level graduate research courses prior to program completion. If the student does not have some or all of these course, he or she may take the courses during the doctoral program. Students are required to successfully complete two of the following prerequisite research courses prior to program completion.

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**EDR 5400** Qualitative Research in Education 3
**EDR 5500** Evaluation of Education Programs 3

**Continuation Standards**
Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

**Roadmap**
Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

**Course**
**Title**

**Year One**

**Fall**
EDR 6971 Research Topics EdD 3
EDL 6110 School District Administration 3

**Spring**
EDL 6190 School, Community, and Politics 3
EDL 6470 School Facilities 3

**Summer**
EDL 6971 Internship: Building Principal (optional if do not want certification) or Internship: Superintendent Internship
EDL 6390 Gateway Leadership Institute 2
EDL 6690 School Business Administration 2

**Year Two**

**Fall**
EDL 5914 Internship: Superintendent Internship (optional if do not want certification) 0
EDL 6300 Advanced School Law 2
EDL 6450 Managing the District Level Curriculum 3

**Spring**
EDL 5914 Internship: Superintendent Internship (optional if do not want certification) 0
EDL 6200 Ethics of Ed Leadership (optional if not taking internship; either take this or internship) 3
EDL 6730 District Level Professional Development and Teacher Evaluation 3

**Summer**
EDL 5914 Internship: Superintendent Internship (optional if do not want certification) 0-2
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**Total Credits** 30-35

**Contact Us**

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