



# EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREE (EdS)

## WITH ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE (K-12 PRINCIPAL or DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION)

The Education Specialist degree is designed for individuals with a master's degree who are pursuing an administrative license in Principal or Director of Special Education. The combined degree and licensure preparation provide a strong foundation and understanding of leadership in education. These skills will help you analyze and implement sound administrative policies, create successful strategies for change and put into service leading practices for the day-to-day needs of YOUR schools.

- Our curriculum is differentiated for public, Catholic, and charter schools.
- The program can be completed in 18 months.
- Cohort model with one eight-week HyFlex course (classes in person and Zoom) on one evening per week. It is the student's choice to attend online or in person.
- Financial aid and alumni discount available.
- Program Orientation (in person): Third Saturday in August (all day)

## Coursework

### Core Courses Course Titles, 31 Credits Total

- EDLD 621 Research Design, Analysis and Critique I (3 credits)
- EDLD 801 Leadership and Organizational Theory (3 credits)
- EDLD 805 Supervision and Professional Development (3 credits)
- EDLD 807 Foundations of Leadership: An Intellectual and Ethical Practice (3 credits)
- EDLD 820 School Law (3 credits)
- EDLD 826 School Finance (3 credits)
- EDLD 840 Administration of Special Programs (3 credits)
- EDLD 884 Social Justice Leadership and Pedagogy (2 credits)

### Director of Special Ed Licensure Courses

- EDLD 731 Planning and Administration: The Special Education Director (3 credits)
- EDLD 810 Pre-Assessment: Special Education Dir. (1 credit)
- EDLD 852-854 Clinical Practicum and Seminar I, II, & III: SPED Director (3 x 1 credit)
- EDLD 878 Portfolio and Administrative Licensure Assessment: Special Education Director (1 credit)

### Principal Licensure Courses

- EDLD 874 Principalship K-12 (3 credits)
- EDLD 770 Pre-Assessment: Principal (1 credit)
- EDLD 832-834 Clinical Practicum and Seminar I, II, & III: Principal (3 x 1 credit)
- EDLD 877 Portfolio and Administrative Licensure Assessment: Principal (1 credit)

## Learn More:



# Course Sequence

## Year 1

Fall I	Fall II	J-Term	Spring I	Spring II
Orientation: Third Saturday in August (in person) EDLD 770 or EDLD 810 Professional Pre-Assessment	EDLD 840 Admin of Special Programs	EDLD 884 Social Justice Leadership and Pedagogy	EDLD 820 School Law	EDLD 801 Leadership and Organization Theory
EDLD 874 Principal K-12 or EDLD 731 Planning and Admin: Special Education Director	EDLD 832/ EDLD 852 Field Experience I	Online retreat/ alumni networking	EDLD 833/ EDLD 853 Field Experience II	EDLD 833/ EDLD 853 Field Experience II

## Year 2

Summer I	Summer II	Fall I	Fall II	J-Term
EDLD 807 Foundations of Leadership: An Intellectual/Ethical Practice	EDLD 826 School Finance	EDLD 621 Research Design, Analysis, and Critique	EDLD 805 Supervision	EDLD 877/ EDLD 878 Portfolio Assessment
		EDLD 834/ EDLD 854 Field Experience III	EDLD 834/ EDLD 854 Field Experience III	File for BOSA Application

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