

Goal: To prepare collaborative, competent, fiscally-responsible, legally-literate, ethical, educational leaders for Illinois public school districts.

The Educational Leadership (EDL) program at the University of Illinois at Springfield offers a carefully planned set of experiences designed to develop the knowledge, skills, dispositions, and competencies needed by

educational leaders at local and state levels. 36 credit hours of graduate courses lead to a Post-Master's Certificate/Superintendent's Endorsement. Students entering the EDL Post-Master's Certificate/Superintendent's Endorsement program have two options:

1. Participate in the cohort and complete the 36 hours of EDL graduate course work requirements needed for the state Superintendent's Endorsement. Students selecting this option must also pass the state certification test and possess general administrative or supervisory administrative experience before receiving the superintendent's certification.
2. Apply 36 hours toward the Educational Administration doctorate offered at Illinois State University. You may apply for the ISU ED. D. program near the end of your program here at UIS.

The course list for the EDL Post-Master's Certificate/Superintendent's Endorsement has been accepted by ISU as equivalent to their Superintendent Certification program and can be accepted in full by ISU as credit toward their Ed.D., after the student has applied to the *ISU -Springfield Educational Administration Doctoral Cohort*. Questions about other options or arrangements should be discussed with the chair of the UIS EDL Program.

The course requirements for completion of this program are:

EDL 603	Advanced Seminar on Law and Public Policy	4 hrs.
EDL 604	Politics of Education: Federal, State, and Local Politics and Policies	4 hrs.
EDL 605	Research in Educational Leadership	4 hrs.
EDL 611	Superintendent as Instructional Leader	4 hrs.
EDL 612	Management of Educational Funds and Facilities	4 hrs.
EDL 621	Superintendent and Central Staff/Personnel Management	4 hrs.
EDL 626	Clinical Experiences/Internship I	2 hrs.
EDL 627	Clinical Experiences/Internship II	2 hrs.
EDL 635	Organizational Theory and Leadership	4 hrs.
EDL 680	Capstone: Leadership and School Improvement	4 hrs.

The Faculty

The UIS Educational Leadership faculty members were selected as a result of intensive national searches, designed to hire the best possible faculty to teach in the Post-Master's Certificate/ Superintendent's Endorsement Program, as well as, be able to participate as productive and qualified members in both the Administrative Leadership and Teacher Leadership degree areas in the EDL Program. As individuals and program faculty, the EDL faculty possesses the knowledge, skills, dispositions and experience necessary for a quality educational leadership program at this level.

Dr. Scott Day, Ed.D., Chair
Associate Professor

Dr. Leonard Bogle, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor

Dr. Kathy Massey, Ed. D.
Visiting Assistant Professor

Dr. Daniel Matthews, PhD.
Associate Professor

Dr. William Phillips, Ed.D.
Associate Professor

Dr. Karen Swan, Ed.D.
James J. Stukel Distinguished Professor

Brian Schwartz, J.D.
Adjunct Professor





Admission Information

To be considered for acceptance into the Post-Master's Certificate/Superintendent Endorsement program, a candidate must:

- Complete a UIS Graduate Application for Admission form, found online at: www.uis.edu/admissions/gradapply
- Arrange to have copies of official transcripts from each degree institution where undergraduate, graduate & non-degree credit was earned sent **directly** to the Office of Admissions.

Program Application Requirements and Process

Acceptance into the program is competitive. To be considered for acceptance in the program, applicants must:

- Have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a completed EDL PMC Application form **directly** to the EDL program
- Submit a completed EDL Personal Data Form to the EDL program
- Submit a current resume to the EDL program
- Submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test results and written portion of exam, offered at any local Sylvan Learning Center to Admissions
- Submit to the EDL program a sample of your academic or professional writing
- Arrange to have three educational and/or professional references be completed and sent **directly** to the EDL program

Cohort Concept

The cohort concept focuses on the development of each student, group skills, and enhancement of group learning opportunities. The intent and expectation is for all students to proceed together throughout the Post-Master's Certificate/Superintendent's Endorsement program.

The University of Illinois at Springfield is one of the three U of I campuses and is located on 746 picturesque acres in Illinois's state capital. We are a small, public liberal arts university with an enrollment of over 5,000, including 2,000 graduate students. Faculty members are teacher-scholars and the average class size is 15. UIS offers 42 degree programs: 21 bachelor's, 20 master's, and the Doctorate of Public Administration. UIS is also a national leader in online education, with eight bachelor's completion programs, five master's programs, and a math teaching certificate program offered fully online, as well as about 200 online courses.

On-campus sessions are offered in smart classrooms, which offer the instructor or student projectors, computers and Internet access for demonstration and instruction. Most classrooms are also equipped with Smartboard technologies, which can record or save written presentations. The UIS campus was one of the first campuses in Illinois to be completely wireless, allowing instructors and students the option of accessing web materials directly from laptops, PDAs, or other electronic devices.

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