



University of Illinois at Springfield



Educational Leadership

Post-Master's Certificate Superintendent's Endorsement Litchfield Cohort

UIS AT A GLANCE

UIS is one of three campuses of the University of Illinois. We provide an intellectually rich, collaborative, and intimate learning environment for students, faculty, and staff, while serving local, regional, state, national, and international communities.

FACTS ABOUT UIS

- **Enrollment:** About 4,900, including about 2,000 Graduate Students
- **History:** Established in 1969 as Sangamon State University by the Illinois General Assembly. On July 1, 1995, became a campus of the University of Illinois, thereafter known as the University of Illinois at Springfield.
- **Degree Programs:** 22 bachelor's degree programs and 25 minors, 20 master's degree programs, and one doctoral degree
- **Campus:** 746 acres
- **Faculty:** Approximately 220 full-time faculty. The faculty to full-time equivalent student ratio is 1:12
- **Research Funding:** Approximately \$7 million annually
- **Average Class Size:** 15

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ADMISSION

To be considered for acceptance into the Post-Master's Certificate/



Superintendent's Endorsement program, a student must complete a UIS application for admission and send it to the Office of Admissions and Records. Applicants should also arrange to have copies of official transcripts from each institution where undergraduate, graduate, and non-degree credit was earned sent directly to the Admissions office.

PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS/ PROCESS

Acceptance into the Post-Master's Certificate/ Superintendent's Endorsement Program is competitive. To be considered for acceptance, a student must:

- Have a GPA of at least 3.00 (on a scale in which 4.0 is an A).
- Submit an official report of scores from the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination, including GRE Writing Assessment Score Level Description, directly to the EDL Office. (For sites and test dates go to the GRE website.)
- Submit a current resume to the EDL Office.
- Submit a sample of academic or professional writing to the EDL Office.
- Arrange to have three educational letters of reference sent directly to the EDL Office (forms available in EDL office).

- Complete an EDL Post-Master's Certificate/ Superintendent's Endorsement application form and submit it directly to the EDL office.

COHORT QUALIFICATIONS AND CONCEPT

To participate in the UIS Post-Master's Certificate/ Superintendent's Endorsement cohort, students must be current or recently practicing school administrators, supervisors, or teaching or government leaders.

Students seeking a Superintendent's Endorsement must show evidence of a valid teaching certificate and two years' fulltime K-12 teaching experience as required by the state to receive Type 75 certification.



Two years' school-level administrative experience is required for the Superintendent's Endorsement.

The cohort concept focuses on the development of each

student, as well as his or her group skills, and enhancement of group learning opportunities. The intent is for all students to proceed through the specified program and courses together. Students will be expected to start together and remain together throughout the Post-Master's Certificate/ Superintendent's Endorsement, as will those who select the doctoral option.

Capitalize on Skills for Leadership

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. The first course will be offered during spring semester 2010. 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 traditional Educational Administration doctorate to be offered on the UIS campus by Illinois State University, subject to enrollment and departmental capacity.

The "Course Sequence" matrix (to the right) lists the courses for the EDL Post-Master's Certificate/Superintendent's Endorsement. These courses have 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.

COURSE SCHEDULE

The summer schedule includes 2 courses for four weeks in July, meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. During the fall and spring semesters classes will be held on five weekends. Classes typically meet Friday evenings from 6 to 9:30 p.m., Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All classes for this cohort will be held in Litchfield, Illinois.

SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCE

Course	Title	Cr. Hrs.
EDL 611	Superintendent as Instructional Leader	4
EDL 603	Advanced Seminar on Law and Public Policy	4
EDL 635	Organizational Theory & Leadership	4
EDL 605	Research in Educational Leadership	4
EDL 612	Educational Funds and Facilities	4
EDL 626	Clinical Experiences/ Internship I	2
EDL 621	Superintendent and Central Staff/ Personnel Management	4
EDL 627	Clinical Experiences/ Internship II	2
EDL 604	Politics of Education	4
EDL 680	Capstone: Leadership and School Improvement	4
TOTAL HOURS		36

GENERAL COMPUTER USE

To complete the Post-Master's Certificate/Superintendent's Endorsement in the EDL program, students must have frequent and convenient access to computer and Internet resources as well as the software and hardware needed to complete all course work. All courses require the use of word processing, e-mail, and Blackboard. Each student must have a UIS e-mail account and must validate the ULID (University Logon ID). Students should expect to encounter two types of delivery – some courses will be web-enhanced, meaning that in addition to attending traditional face-to-face classes, assignments will be submitted and received electronically.

PROGRAM AND FACULTY

The Educational Leadership program is part of the College of Education and Human Services at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The EDL program has two leadership components or concentrations – Administrative Leadership (ADL) and Master Teaching and Leadership (MTL). The Superintendent's Endorsement is a logical update of EDL program practices to current standards-based expectations and best practices, exemplifying UIS' continuing cooperative and collaborative relationship with premier educational leadership programs in the state.

The UIS Educational Leadership faculty was selected through national searches designed to employ the best possible professionals to teach the Post-Master's

Certificate/ Superintendent's Endorsement program and participate as productive and qualified members in the ADL and MTL concentrations within the EDL program. As individuals and as instructors, EDL faculty possess

the knowledge, skills, dispositions, and experiences necessary to present a high-quality educational leadership program.

FACULTY

Scott L. Day, Ed.D.
Associate Professor and Chair

Leonard Bogle, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor

Donald Kussmaul, Ed.D.
Visiting Assistant Professor

Michael Lane, Ed.D.
Visiting Assistant Professor

Daniel Matthews, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

William Phillips, Ed.D.
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J. Greg Reynolds, Ph.D.
Visiting Assistant Professor

Karen Swan, Ed.D.
*The James J. Stukel Distinguished
Professor of Educational Leadership*

Dana Thompson Dorsey, J.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

David Turner, Ed.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor

Walter Warfield, Ph.D.
Scholar-in-Residence

HOUSING AND TRAVEL

Students are responsible for their own expenses for travel, lodging, and meals.