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**Des Moines Cohort, Fall 2020**
Cohorts start on campus in Des Moines every two years; a new cohort will begin fall 2020. Students attend class six weekends per semester, and the program can be finished in less than two years.

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- The pedigree of a Drake education is well known and respected across the state. About one-third of administrators in Iowa are Bulldogs
- You will learn from experienced faculty and benefit from a mentorship with a practicing administrator
- Face-to-face weekend courses are convenient and allow for maximum, collaborative learning within your cohort
- International clinical experiences and networking sessions are available through the program
- Simulations and hands-on learning equip you for real-life scenarios as a prepared school leader.
- You will gain skills, confidence, and resources to market your abilities in the field of education
- There is an option to transition into the EdD in Educational Administration with Superintendent Licensure

Clinical Hours

Each student will complete 400 total hours in the field. The clinical experience should prompt networking and collaboration with experts. Clinical hours will be tracked using clinical logs with routine reflections throughout the experiences. Some clinical hours are built into the coursework.

Getting the Next Job

Three full days of classes are built into the Drake Specialist Program as Seminar days. These days are designed to reflect on field experiences as well as help prepare students for their career aspirations. Specific attention will be given to cover letters, resumes, portfolios, entry plans, and interview skills.

Entry Plan

Each student will develop a customized entry plan for a desired superintendent (or related) position. Entry plans will highlight key learning from EDS courses and outline initial steps in getting familiar with a new community and a new position.

Course Overview

Summer 2020:
EDL 292 - Introductory Seminar

Fall 2020:
EDL 283 - Leading Complex Organizations
EDL 291 - Policy, Influence and Legal Issues

Spring 2021:
EDL 288 - Human Resource Dynamics
EDL 290 - School Resource Management

Summer 2021:
EDL 287 - Curriculum and Evaluation
EDL 289 - Organization Management
EDL 292 - Mid-Year-Seminar

Fall 2021:
EDL 285 - Ethics and Social Justice
EDL 286 - Systems Thinking

Spring 2022:
EDL 284 - Analytics in Education Research
EDL 292 - Clinical Seminar

Graduation Date: May 2022