



■ Specialist in Education: Superintendent Licensure

Join the ranks of the many esteemed Bulldogs leading successful school districts across the state. Pursue your Specialist in Education with Superintendent Licensure at Drake University.

Cohort, Fall 2023

Cohorts start every fall. A new cohort will begin fall 2023. Classes will be offered in a blended format and the program can be finished in less than two years.

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Advance at DRAKE

- Graduates overwhelmingly feel prepared for a superintendent or AEA position upon graduation
- 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
- 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
- This program is aligned with EdD and PhD doctoral degree options

Clinical Hours

Graduates of the program attest to clinical experience being a predominant factor for job advancement. 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. Almost half of EDS students pursue advanced job opportunities within a year of program completion. Graduates report career advancements with an average income increase of \$30,000 or more.

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

Fall 2023:

EDL 292 Introductory Seminar

EDL 283 Leading Complex Organizations

EDL 291 Policy, Influence and Legal Issues

Spring 2024:

EDL 288 Human Resource Dynamics

EDL 290 School Finance

Summer 2024:

EDL 287 Curriculum and Evaluation

EDL 289 Organization Management

EDL 292 Mid-Year-Seminar

Fall 2024:

EDL 285 Ethics and Social Justice

EDL 284 Analytics in Education Research

Spring 2025:

EDL 286 Systems Thinking

EDL 292 Final Seminar

Graduation Date: May 2025