

Education Specialist: Educational Leadership - Superintendent

Degree Type

Education Specialist

Program Description

33 semester credits required. More credits may be required depending on program director's evaluation of the student's previous master's degree.

This major is designed for those seeking formal educational leadership roles such as superintendent, assistant superintendent, and other school district central office roles. Emphasis is on the administrator as an instructional leader as well as a servant leader. Ethical decision making, creative problem solving, and professional growth are other areas of emphasis.

The program utilizes a cohort model which allows students to plan their schedules and allows them to continue working full-time in their position while completing the program. Students typically complete the program in 22 months, which includes a year-long internship at the district office level. This internship will be supervised by a qualified central office administrator. This internship must be approved by the school district and the NNU program director. In the last semester, each student will enroll in EDUC8678P Superintendent Portfolio (0-1) credits where they will upload their artifacts of learning and evidence of competencies of the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification.

The program is in a fully online format with some courses scheduling synchronous video class sessions. We encourage students to attend these "live" sessions as they are available. Archived recorded sessions may be available for review.

Successful completion of the degree qualifies the graduate for recommendation to the State of Idaho for Superintendent endorsement on an Idaho Administrator Certificate. NOTE: An Institutional Recommendation (IR) is only valid for two years after completion of the degree. Therefore, the students should apply for a certificate revision or renewal within that time frame.

It is the student's responsibility to submit the appropriate paperwork and fees to the Idaho State Department of Education for obtaining certifications and endorsements in Idaho. Current forms and information are available from the ISDE website. Students should check the Internet and other sources for specific requirements for certification in other states.

Required Courses for Ed.S. Educational Leadership - Superintendent (Online):

Item #	Title	Credits
EDUC8000	Orientation: Graduate Education	0
EDUC7556	Conceptual Statistics and Applications for Educators	3
EDUC7579	Special Education Law for Administrators	2
EDUC7584	Data Driven Decision-Making	3
EDUC8670	Labor Relations in Schools	3
EDUC8671	Educational Change: A Historical Perspective	3
EDUC8672	The Superintendency	3
EDUC8673	Advanced School Finance	3
EDUC8674	School Facilities	3
EDUC8675	Public Relations and Marketing for Schools	3
EDUC8676	Special Populations: Issues and Resources	3
	EDUC8678 Superintendent Internship (two semesters)	4
EDUC8678P	Superintendent Portfolio	0-1

If Principal Certification has not been obtained, it may be obtained through a Master of Education in Principal degree or an Education Specialist degree. Please see Master of Education or Education Specialist, Educational Leadership - Principal.

Application Requirements - Ed.S. Educational Leadership - Superintendent

All applicants to the program are responsible for familiarity with Idaho Code Section 33-1208; no person convicted of a felony or who would otherwise be denied certification or have certification revoked under Idaho Code 33-1208 will be admitted to the Superintendent program.

The following requirements must be received by Admissions a minimum of one week before classes start, and are online, mailed or emailed as indicated. For mail: Northwest Nazarene University, Attention Graduate Admissions, 623 S. University Boulevard, Nampa, ID, 83686. For email: gps@nnu.edu. Transcripts can be received through email if sent from an accepted digital credentialing service, such as Parchment or the National Student Clearinghouse.

1. Online: application and \$50 non-refundable application fee.
2. Mail, or email from a digital service: official transcripts from the regionally accredited institution(s) where candidate received a master's degree. (We do not accept faxed transcripts.)
3. Email or mail: a copy of candidate's teaching certificate.
4. Email or mail: a copy of candidate's building administrator's license.
5. Online: two recommendation forms completed by professional colleagues.
6. Online: an Educational Leadership Evaluation Form from the candidate's supervisor. The online recommendation forms and the online evaluation form must be completed by different individuals.
7. Online: evidence of writing competency, preferably from a research paper or other document completed during master's courses.

Admission Requirements - Ed.S. Educational Leadership - Superintendent

1. A master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the master's program.
3. Certification/Licensure as a building administrator based on a recommendation from a state-approved higher education preparation program.
4. Have four (4) years of full-time certificated/licensed experience working with students while under contract in an accredited school setting before degree completion.
5. Approval by the Graduate Education Admissions Committee.

The Graduate Education Admissions Committee may approve exceptions to regular admission requirements.

Graduation Requirements - Ed.S. Educational Leadership - Superintendent

1. Credits must be earned in courses numbered 7000 or above. Continuing education courses and pass/fail courses (except those specified for degree completion) do not apply toward the degree. Exceptions for substitutions from other institutions may be approved by the program director.
2. Have four (4) years of full-time certificated/licensed experience working with students while under contract in an accredited school setting before degree completion.
3. The candidate must complete requirements as specified in the degree major. The degree must be completed within six years of beginning course work. If the degree is not completed within six years, the candidate must reapply to the program. Credits older than six years may need to be retaken.
4. The candidate must apply for graduation one full semester prior to anticipated degree completion. Deadlines: June 1 for Fall; October 15 for Spring; and January 15 for Summer.