SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE EDUCATION

Educational Leadership
+ School of Education

Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW ///
The educational leadership program prepares students to be effective leaders in educational settings. The program is grounded in evidence regarding excellence in leadership, integrating theory and practice, and is designed to meet the students' needs and professional aspirations. The vast majority of educational leadership students work in full-time positions while they are in the program.

The educational leadership degree programs prepare students to fill a variety of leadership roles, including: superintendent, principal, program director and curriculum/teacher leader. Additionally, some doctoral students design a special individualized program to prepare for a leadership role in a nonprofit, medical or business organization.

• Master of Arts: This program is designed to prepare students to become school principals. The degree requires the completion of 32 credit hours of coursework and culmination examinations, oral and written.

• Doctor of Education: This program is designed to prepare student to become executive level educational leaders. Students enter the program with a master’s or specialist degree in educational leadership or related field. The degree requires the completion of 38 credit hours of coursework, a comprehensive written examination, an oral examination and a doctoral project. Students entering with a specialist degree complete 28 credit hours of coursework.

• Doctor of Philosophy: This program is designed to prepare students to become scholars, professors, and leaders. Students enter the program with a master's degree in education or related field. The degree requires the completion of 30 credit hours of coursework, 12 credit hours of dissertation research, a comprehensive written examination, an oral examination and a public defense of the dissertation.

CONTACT INFORMATION ///
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APPLICATION DEADLINE ///
M.A. | Ed.D., Ph.D.

FALL | Rolling
SPRING | Rolling
SUMMER | Rolling

Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

DEGREES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED ///
• Master of Arts (M.A.)
• Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
• Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

COURSES AVAILABLE ///
DAYS ☐ NIGHTS ☑ WEEKENDS ☑ ONLINE ☐

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS ///
• Application form and fee
• Transcript(s)
• Three letters of recommendation
• GRE scores required for Ed.D. and Ph.D. (GMAT, LSAT or Miller Analogies Test scores may be substituted)
• Résumé
• Professional goal statement
• TOEFL or IELTS required for all international students
• SLU writing exam required for all international students upon admission

ADMISSION CRITERIA ///
M.A.: Graduate students wishing to enter the program should have completed an undergraduate degree and 18 credit hours of undergraduate education coursework, related coursework, or related undergraduate training, approved by the educational leadership admissions officer.

Ed.D. and Ph.D.: Graduate students wishing to enter these programs must have a master’s degree in education or a related field. Ideally, they have completed six hours of graduate research coursework as prerequisites for doctoral work. If a student does not have some or all of these prerequisite research hours, he or she may take the missing hours during the doctoral program as an addition to the program coursework.
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FACULTY ///

Susan Toft Everson, Ph.D.: Educational and organizational change, leadership and program development

John T. James, Ed.D.: Catholic school leadership, Catholic school finances and human resources

Dennis R. Lea, Ed.D.: District leadership, school facility design and school finance

Sally Beth Lyon, Ed.D.: School leadership, academic leadership, community relations and district leadership

Ronald R. O’Dwyer, S.J.: Catholic school leadership

Ronald W. Rebore, Ph.D.: Ethics of leadership and human resources

William T. Rebore, Ph.D.: School business leadership, school finance and district level leadership

Karen L. Tichy, Ed.D.: Catholic education, educational program evaluation, instructional leadership, curriculum and professional development

Jo Nell Wood, Ed.D.: Curriculum, instructional leadership, professional development and personnel evaluation

Gary K. Wright, Ph.D.: Educational politics, superintendent professional development and school district leadership

• The educational leadership program has a national and regional reputation as well as national accreditation.
• Our program also has successful, award-winning graduates.
• Our program is student-centered program design with full-time faculty and competitive tuition.

SLU's experienced financial aid personnel help graduate students arrange financial aid for tuition. Also, students may apply for graduate assistantships. Assistantship information and application forms are available on the School of Education webpage, in the financial aid section.