

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY™

GRADUATE EDUCATION

Educational Leadership + School of Education

Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses - in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University is celebrating its bicentennial.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health care and faithful service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

OVERVIEW >>

Grounded in evidence-based learning, integrating theory and practice, SLU's educational leadership program is designed to meet the needs and professional aspirations of students, preparing them for a variety of roles, including: superintendent, principal, program director and curriculum/teacher. Additionally, doctoral students may design a special individualized program to prepare for a leadership role in a nonprofit, medical or business organization. Most students work full-time while in the educational leadership program.

Master of Arts (M.A.):

Designed to prepare students to become school principals, the M.A. requires the completion of 32 credit hours of coursework and culmination examinations, oral and written. Students completing the M.A. will have the necessary coursework to qualify for the principal's certificate in the state of Missouri.

Students in the M.A. program may choose the Catholic Education Concentration, designed to prepare students for leadership positions in Catholic schools. Coursework focuses on both the leadership functions common to all schools and those unique to Catholic schools. The degree requires the completion of 33 credit hours of coursework and written and oral comprehensive exams.

Doctor of Education (Ed.D):

This program is designed to prepare students for executive-level educational leadership. Students wishing to enter the Ed.D should have a master's or specialist's degree in educational leadership or related field. The degree requires the completion of 38 credit hours of coursework, a comprehensive written exam, an oral exam and a doctoral project. Students entering with a specialist's degree complete 28 credit hours of coursework. This degree contains the necessary coursework to qualify for the requirements for the superintendent certificate in Missouri.

Candidates in the Ed.D program may choose the Catholic Education Concentration to become executive-level leaders in Catholic education at the school and (arch) diocesan levels. The degree requires the completion of 38 credit hours of coursework, written and oral comprehensive exams, and a doctoral project focused on a problem of practice in Catholic education.

Educational Specialist's Degree (Ed.S)

This program is designed to prepare students to become educational leaders. Students enter the program with a master's degree in educational leadership or related field. The degree requires the completion of 30 credit hours of coursework. This degree can qualify for the requirements for the superintendent certificate in the state of Missouri.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.):

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 of which are in research, 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	Rolling
SPRING	Rolling	Rolling
SUMMER	Rolling	Rolling

Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

DEGREES & PROGRAMS >>

- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Specialist in Education (Ed.S.)
- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

COURSES AVAILABLE >>

DAYS NIGHTS WEEKEND ONLINE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS >>

- Application form and fee (if applicable)
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE scores for Ed.D. and Ph.D. (GMAT, LSAT or Miller Analogies Test scores may be substituted)
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Professional statement
- (international students) TOEFL or IELTS
- (international students) SLU writing exam 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 educational training, approved by educational leadership admissions.

Ed.D., Ed Specialists and Ph.D.: Students wishing to enter these programs must have a master's degree in education or a related field and, ideally, have completed six hours of graduate research coursework as prerequisites. If these prerequisite research hours have not been completed, they may be taken during the program as an addition to the coursework.



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FACULTY >>

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

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

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

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

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

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS >>

- The Educational Leadership Program is a student-centered, cohort program delivered by full-time faculty
- The Educational Leadership Program has competitive tuition and cost
- Designed to provide students with the necessary coursework to qualify for the Missouri superintendent certificate.
- Designed with problem based learning activities to enhance the knowledge of school leaders
- The final project is designed as a team approach to a problem of practice in the world of education
- The Catholic Education concentrations also meet the formation standards of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT >>

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.



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