

EDUCATION SPECIALIST - LEADERSHIP (EDS)

The EdS degree is an education specialist degree program of advanced study for those individuals who have already completed a master's degree in an education-related area. No dissertation is required. For those switching from a CUC College of Education EdD/PhD program to the EdS in Leadership (non-licensure) is considered to be a terminal degree.

Former doctoral candidates who choose to pursue the Ed.S. as a terminal degree may be eligible to change to this 52-hour EdS program if they are enrolled in the following doctoral programs:

- Education Technology Leadership
- Leadership: Curriculum & Instruction
- Leadership: Early Childhood Leadership
- Leadership: Education Leadership (non-licensure)
- Leadership: Educational Technology (K-12 strand only)
- Leadership: Higher Education
- Leadership: Reading, Language and Literacy
- Leadership: School Leadership
- Leadership: Special Education
- Leadership: Teacher Leadership
- Special Education Leadership and Advocacy

General Graduate Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements for Concordia University Chicago graduate programs as published in the Concordia University Chicago academic catalog (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/graduate/graduate-admission-student-services/>).

New students are accepted into most graduate degree-seeking, certificate, endorsement and/or post-graduate programs for online and on-campus study for in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Students seeking to change programs may do so by submitting a Change-of-Program quick app (<https://capp.cuchicago.edu/graduate/change-of-program/>). Applicants must be in good academic standing according to Concordia University Chicago's satisfactory academic progress standards and meet published program admission requirements at the time of requesting a program change. Program changes will be processed and recorded for the subsequent semester.

See the Overview tab for program information regarding candidacy to the Education Specialist - Leadership.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
EDL-7140 or EDL-7141	Organizational Change (PK-12) Organizational Change (non K-12)	3
EDL-7210 or EDL-7211	Policy Analysis (PK-12) Policy Analysis	3
FPR-7011 or FPR-7300	Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Leadership Philosophy of Scientific Knowledge	3

EDL-7300	Ethics for Educational Leaders	3
Research		
RES-7605	Quantitative Analysis	3
RES-7700	Qualitative Research	3
RES-7900	Research Design	4
Additional Required Credits ¹		
30 hours of 7000-level coursework or other graduate-level coursework taken beyond the masters with approval by division chair		30
Total Hours		52

¹ 6000-level courses required for the EdD/PhD in Educational Leadership (non-licensure), Higher Education and Special Education will be approved to apply toward the EdS. Any variations from the catalog must be approved by the division chair.

Graduation Requirements

- Have on file an application for this master's degree program.
- Have on file one official transcript from EACH college/university attended of all previous coursework taken.
- Complete, for the degree being sought:
 - the credit hours and levels as designated,
 - within the specified time limit,
 - with grades of C- or higher (grades of C or higher required for MAT programs),
 - with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Students completing multiple advanced programs or degrees at CUC must have a 3.0 GPA in each academic program in addition to a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Have on file approved "Graduate Transfer Credit Approval" form(s), "Course Substitution" form(s), or evaluation(s), if applicable.
- Have on file the Intent to Graduate/Complete form with the Office of the Registrar by the published deadline.
- Have on file, if applicable, necessary copies of a project, portfolio, thesis or dissertation.
- Approval of the faculty.
- All administrative obligations to CUC must be cleared in order to prompt the release of CUC transcripts and diploma(s).

Every attempt has been made to include information to aid the student with information about his/her program, degree and graduation/completion requirements. It is, however, the student's responsibility to complete all steps and meet all deadlines relevant to graduation requirements.