

# EDUCATION SPECIALIST - LEADERSHIP (EDS)

An education specialist degree, or Ed.S., is an advanced practitioner program that goes beyond the master's degree. The Education Specialist - Leadership Ed.S. does not lead to licensure. It is designed for educators seeking to continue their studies but are not interested in a doctoral program.

Former doctoral candidates who choose to pursue the Ed.S. as a terminal degree may be eligible to change to this 52-hour Ed.S. program if they are enrolled in the following doctoral leadership programs: Education Leadership (non-licensure); Teacher Leadership; Early Childhood Leadership; Curriculum & Instruction; Special Education; Reading, Language and Literacy; Higher Education and Educational Technology (K-12 strand only).

## 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 graduate degree-seeking, certificate, endorsement and/or post-graduate programs for online and on-campus study in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Previously admitted students seeking to change programs may do so at the beginning of a semester (only) 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 at the time of requesting a program change.

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

## Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core</b>		
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
<b>Research</b>		
RES-7605	Quantitative Analysis	3
RES-7700	Qualitative Research	3
RES-7900	Research Design	4
<b>Additional Required Credits</b> <sup>1</sup>		

30 hours of 7000-level coursework or other graduate-level coursework taken beyond the masters with approval by division chair 30

**Total Hours** 52

<sup>1</sup> 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 as a degree-seeking graduate student.
- 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,
  - 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.
- If transfer credit is approved to be applied: have on file an approved "Graduate Transfer Credit Approval" form(s) or evaluation(s).
- 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, thesis or dissertation.
- Take and pass the final examination or terminal requirements in the program during or after the final course.
- 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.