

ILLINOIS SUPERINTENDENT ENDORSEMENT

Concordia University Chicago was approved for the updated Illinois Superintendent Endorsement Program on October 6, 2017. Described in this section are the courses required for the Illinois Superintendent Endorsement on the professional educator license (PEL).

Concordia University Chicago offers three pathways for students to pursue the Illinois Superintendent Endorsement.

- Pathway 1: Illinois Superintendent Endorsement Only (p. 1).
- Pathway 2: Illinois Superintendent Endorsement with the Ed.S. degree (<http://catalog.cuchicago.edu/graduate/education-specialist-degree-eds/illinois-superintendent-licensure-eds/#text>). Students must have a previous master's degree in Education or related field. This is an advanced study beyond the master's degree but does not require a dissertation.
- Pathway 3: Illinois Superintendent Endorsement with Ed.D. (61 hours) or Ph.D. (67 hours (<http://catalog.cuchicago.edu/graduate/edd-phd/leadership-educational-leadership-with-illinois-superintendent-endorsement-edd-phd/>)). The first 30 hours of the superintendent program (10 courses) may be applied to the doctoral program.

The 30 semester hours of credit (primarily face to face) must be beyond the master's degree level.

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 (<http://catalog.cuchicago.edu/graduate/graduate-admission-student-services/>).

New students are accepted into graduate degree-seeking, approval, 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.

Program-Specific Admission Requirements

- Have a regionally accredited master's degree.
- Have a General Administrative Certificate or Illinois Principal Endorsement.
- Have a minimum graduate GPA of 3.0.
- Have a minimum of two years of supervisory or administrative experience in a school or district by the end of the program.

Standard Admission for students who meet admission requirements and are pursuing the Illinois Superintendent Endorsement is granted after the first semester upon successful completion of:

- EDL-7111 Strategies of Educational Leadership for the Illinois Superintendent Endorsement

- EDL-7260 School/District Improvement Using Data Analysis
- Faculty Interview

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
EDL-7111	Strategies of Educational Leadership for the Illinois Superintendent Endorsement	3
EDL-7210	Policy Analysis	3
EDL-7241	Supervisory Theory and Practice for the Illinois Superintendent Endorsement	3
EDL-7245	Managing Illinois School District Finances	3
EDL-7255	Managing Legal and Human Resource Issues	3
EDL-7260	School/District Improvement Using Data Analysis	3
EDL-7301	Ethics for Educational Leaders for the Illinois Superintendent Endorsement	3
Clinical Experience (16 Weeks)		
EDL-7894	Superintendent Internship I: The Superintendent as Instructional Leader	3
EDL-7895	Superintendent Internship II: The Superintendent as Change Agent	3
EDL-7896	Superintendent Internship III: The Superintendent as HR and Resources Manager	3
Total Hours		30

Non-degree Completion Requirements

- Have on file an application as a non-degree-seeking graduate student.
- Complete, for the program being sought:
 - the credit hours and levels as designated,
 - within the specified time limit,
 - 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.
- Take and pass the final examination or terminal requirements in the program during or after the final course.
- Approval of the faculty.
- Payments of all tuition and fees due to Concordia University Chicago. All holds must be removed to receive transcripts and diploma.

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

Please note: To apply for the Illinois Superintendent Endorsement, the candidate must also:

- Successfully pass the ILTS Superintendent Test 225 at the end of the course work and internships;

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- Provide proof of at least two years of full-time administrative or supervisory experience in a public school district or non-public school recognized in accordance with 23 Ill. Adm. Code 425 on the professional educator license endorsed in general administrative principal, chief school business official, or director of special education.
- Successfully complete and pass Principal Evaluator Training – Administrative Academies effective January 1, 2019.