

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 Illinois Superintendent Endorsement on the professional educator license (PEL).

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

- Pathway 1: Illinois Superintendent Endorsement Only (p. 1).
- Pathway 2: Illinois Superintendent Endorsement with the Ed.S. degree (<https://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 (<https://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 for the superintendent endorsement must be credit earned beyond the student's initial master's degree.

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.

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 Illinois Superintendent Licensure

- 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 (PK-12)	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		
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 for this non-degree-seeking program.
- Complete, for the program being sought:
 - the credit hours and levels as designated,
 - within the specified time limit,
 - with course 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.
- 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.
- Approval of the faculty.
- All administrative obligations to CUC must be cleared in order to prompt the release of CUC transcripts.

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.

This program does not lead to initial Illinois licensure (PEL) but will, through direct university entitlement, lead to an additional credential on your existing PEL. The awarding of this credential will require the completion of this academic program and an existing and active PEL, and may require a passing score on the corresponding Illinois State Licensure Test(s), associated work experience, a previous master's degree, and

completion of a state training academy. For specific requirements regarding this credential please refer to ISBE (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Professional-Educator-License.aspx>)'s webpage or contact the Licensure Officer at licensure@cuchicago.edu.