The Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Educational Leadership and Instruction is a minimum of 30 hours beyond the master’s degree. Pending the applicant’s transcript evaluation, additional coursework may be required. All applicants are required to be certified teachers and meet regular admission requirements to the graduate school of Northwestern State University.

The Educational Leadership concentration is designed to meet the academic and professional needs of both teachers and administrative school leaders. Candidates choose one of two programs in the Educational Leadership concentration.

Students may complete this degree and concentration in the classroom or online.

The following curriculum is offered to candidates holding a M.Ed. degree in a program other than Educational Leadership.

This program is pursued by candidates who are interested in receiving an entry-level certificate in Educational Leadership.

Prerequisites: Education 5020 and 5030 or Education Curriculum and Instruction 5020 and 5030

Requirements: 39 hours

A. Foundations (9 hours)
   • Education 5010 or 5840, Education 5850, Educational Psychology 5400

B. Concentration Area (24 hours)
   • Educational Leadership 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 6200

C. Application Area (6 hours)
   • Education 5970 and 5980 or Education 5890 and 5990

The following curriculum is offered to candidates holding a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership.

This program is pursued by candidates who are interested in receiving advanced knowledge in Educational Leadership and Curriculum Development. The program focuses on factors that influence school improvement.

Prerequisites: Education 5020 and 5030 or Education Curriculum and Instruction 5020 and 5030

Requirements: 39 hours

A. Foundations (9 hours)
   • Education 5010 or 5840, Education 5850, Educational Psychology 5400

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B. Concentration Area (24 hours)
   1. Curriculum and Instruction (9 hours)
      • EDCI 5110: Reflective and Coherent Classroom Practice
      • EDCI 5120: Advanced Instructional Theories and Strategies
      • EDCI 5130: Teaching Diverse Learners
   2. Educational Leadership (9 hours)
      • EDL 5900: Leading School Change
      • EDL 6000: Ethics and Philosophy of School Leaders
      • EDL 6150: Seminar in Educational Leadership
   3. Electives (6 hours): Must be approved by major professor
      Choose two courses from the following:
      • EDL 5290: Supervision of Child Welfare
        (Required for Level 3 licensure)
      • EDL 6100: School Facilities and Equipment
        (Required for Level 3 licensure)
      • EPSY 5520: Analysis of the Individual
      • ETEC 5000+
      • RDG 5210, 5250, 5710, 6510, or 6440
      • SPED 5620: Special Education Compliance
C. Application Area (6 hours)
   • EDUC 5970 and 5980 or 5890 and 5990

Why choose Northwestern State for a Educational Specialist degree?

Founded in 1884 as Louisiana State Normal School for the preparation of teachers, Northwestern continues to maintain its reputation as a model for excellence in instruction and learning. Students choose Northwestern because we consistently produce outstanding graduates who impact student learning in K-12 schools.

K-12 classroom teachers value Northwestern as a sharing community of learners who recognize the worth of all individuals, value diversity, and foster growth in all domains of learning.

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