

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST: EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- use multiple data to describe school climate and culture including demographic information regarding students, faculty, and community;
- conduct a comprehensive analysis of the school's improvement plan and its alignment with student learning outcomes;
- communicate effectively with all stakeholders: students, staff, parents, community and central office administration;
- engage in activities and best practices related to both formative and summative assessments to promote instructional improvement;
- identify legal implications related to school operations involving all stakeholders: students, staff, parents, community members, and central office administration;
- engage in a reflective exercise related to building-level staff and professional development experiences that promote student learning.

Ed. Sp. School Administration (PK-12) (Hybrid- On Campus and Online)

The Ed.Sp. degree in educational administration with emphasis in school administration (PK-12) prepares teachers for specialization in school leadership and administration in elementary, middle, and secondary settings. The program also provides an opportunity for practicing administrators to enhance their professional skills and to connect with other practitioners from the metropolitan area and region. Students in the program gain a broad understanding across the professional field, the acquisition of in-depth knowledge in at least one specialized field in educational administration, and integrative experiences demonstrating the application of theory to practice.

Admissions Requirements

- Official transcripts showing an earned master's degree from an accredited institution.
- Three letters of recommendation, with one recommendation from the applicant's direct building supervisor.
- Minimum undergraduate and graduate GPA of 3.0. Applicants with undergraduate GPAs that do not meet this threshold may be considered on the strength of their graduate GPA and their letters of recommendation.
- CV or resume, including evidence of at least three years of teaching experience.
- Candidates for School Leader K-12 certification licensure must possess a valid Missouri teacher certificate. Applicants must submit their Missouri teaching license or a statement of one's ability to obtain it.

Applicants who are interested in joining the UMKC Pathways to Leadership in Urban Schools (PLUS) program will also be asked to participate in a full-day interview.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC-UL 5501	Foundations Of School Leadership & Organization	3
EDUC-UL 5502	Building Administration And Management	3
EDUC-UL 5503	Student, Staff And Organization Development	3
EDUC-UL 5507	Instructional Supervision	3
EDUC-UL 5515	Governmental And Legal Aspects Of Education	3
EDUC-UL 5518	Leadership for School Improvement	3
EDUC-UL 5520	Data Driven Leadership for Reculturing Schools	3
EDUC-UL 5574	Administrative Practicum	3
EDUC-R&P 5505	Statistical Methods I	3
EDUC-R&P 5508	Principles And Methods Of Research	3
EDUC-UL 5525	Cultural Foundations Of Education	3
or EDUC-UL 5526	Philosophical Foundations Of Education	
or EDUC-UL 5527	Historical Foundations Of Education	
EDUC-C&I 5505	Introduction To Curriculum Theory	3
or EDUC-C&I 5506	Curriculum Design	
Total Credits		36

Note: Students should identify a faculty advisor in Educational Leadership, Policy and Foundations at the time of admission to the School of Education, Social Work, and Psychological Sciences. Final program planning is a joint responsibility of the candidate and, the faculty advisor.

Requirements for Certification

In addition to the degree requirements for the Ed.Sp. degree in educational administration with an emphasis in school administration (PK-12), certification as a school principal also requires successful completion of all Missouri state certification requirements and exams. **Candidates are subject to any Missouri legislative action or State Board of Education policy that may become effective during the lifetime of this catalog.**

Ed.Sp Executive Superintendency (Online)

The Educational Specialist in Educational Administration- Executive Superintendency emphasis is not currently admitting new students.

The online Ed.Sp. degree with emphasis in executive superintendency prepares experienced principals or building administrators for specialization in central office positions, including superintendent or associate superintendent roles. The program provides an opportunity for practicing administrators to enhance their professional skills and gain a deeper understanding across the professional field including facilities planning, school finance, governmental and legal aspects of special education, and other integrate experiences that bring together the application of theory to practice. Upon completion of the program of study and passing the School Superintendent's Assessment, graduates will be recommended for Superintendent K12 certification.

This program is designed to prepare current building administrators and curriculum leaders for professional educator roles in a district-level setting. The degree leads to superintendent certification eligibility in Missouri and Kansas.

An earned PK-12 School Administration M.A. is required for completion of the Educational Specialist degree.

Requirements for Admission

Candidates must:

- Provide a copy of a valid teaching certificate.
- Provide a copy of a current permanent or professional school administrator/principal license/certificate to teach.
- Have at least two years of full-time certified teaching, supervisory, or administrative experience, or any combination thereof, in elementary, middle or secondary schools under a fully licensed teaching certificate (temporary or provisional certification does not meet this requirement).
- Provide a transcript demonstrating completion of a course in psychology or education of the exceptional child.
- Possess a master's degree with a GPA of at least 3.25.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC-UL 5512	School Finance	3
EDUC-UL 5516	Governmental And Legal Aspects Of Special Education	3
EDUC-UL 5523	Administrative Roles For Instructional Leadership	3
EDUC-UL 5626	Theory In Educational Administration	3
EDUC-UL 5627	Advanced Educational Supervision	3
EDUC-UL 5628	The Superintendency	3
EDUC-UL 5531	Educational Leadership and Human Resources	3
EDUC-UL 5535	Current Topics in Urban School Leadership	3
EDUC-UL 5660	Effective Practices II	3
EDUC-UL 5575	Internship In Administration	3
The following must be taken at UMKC:		
EDUC-R&P 5508	Principles And Methods Of Research	3
or EDUC-R&P 5522	Principles Of Testing	
or EDUC-R&P 5608	Introduction To Graduate Research	
EDUC-R&P 5505	Statistical Methods I	3
Total Credits		36

Requirements for Graduation:

In addition to the general School of Education, Social Work, and Psychological Sciences graduate degree requirements, the Ed.Sp. degree in educational administration with an executive superintendency emphasis also requires:

1. Successful completion of all Missouri state certification requirements/exams
2. Ed.S. degree and program completion in Education Administration (minimum 30 hours past the master's degree, although the degree program may require more than 30 credit hours)

Licensure Disclosure

Licensure Disclosure - PK-12 Emphasis

UMKC's school leader preparation program is approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Students who complete one of our school leader preparation programs are highly recommended to apply for Missouri's certification whether one plans to reside in Missouri or not. Regulations for each state provide licensing options to guarantee access to start who hold a valid license from the state a student completed an approved preparation program, and some require licensure in hand from the state in which the school leader preparation program was completed.

This Disclosure is limited to our best ability to determine whether our curriculum would sufficiently meet the educational requirements for certification in another State as an K-12 school leader. Comparability of state licensing will be based on official, approved compilation of rules and regulations. Students may need to complete additional requirements, such as, coursework, assessment, background checks or classroom experience before receiving full certification. A provisional license may be awarded while students complete these requirements. Please contact the state agency where you plan to licensure before relocating to ensure you are fully aware of all licensure requirements.

UMKC strongly recommends that students review the applicable licensure board(s) in their state of residence or in the state where they intend to obtain a license before beginning an academic program that results in licensure or certification and prior to beginning any practicum/internship. See UMKC's Professional Licensure Disclosures (<https://www.umkc.edu/provost/academics/professional-licensure-disclosures.html>) page for more information.

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Questions about Licensure

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States in Which the Curriculum Meets the Educational Requirements for Licensure

AL*, AK*, American Samoa**, AZ*, AR*, CA*, CO, CT, DE*, DC*, Federated States of Micronesia**, FL, GA, Guam, HI, ID, IL*, IN, IA*, KS, KY*, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN*, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV*, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC*, ND*, Northern Mariana Islands, OH, OK, OR*, PA, PR, Republic of Marshall Islands**, Republic of Palau**, RI, SC, SD*, TN, TX*, USVI, UT*, VT*, VA, WA, WV*, WI, WY.

States in Which the Curriculum Does Not Meet the Educational Requirements for Licensure

N/A.

* Must hold Missouri licensure.

** No licensure exists.