



The Education Specialist Degree In The Judith Herb College of Education

Overview

The education specialist degree prepares instructional and administrative leaders to improve engagement, effectiveness, and the quality of learning in elementary and secondary schools. Requiring a minimum of 32 hours beyond the master's degree, the Education Specialist program features two areas of emphasis: Curriculum & Instruction and Administration and Supervision.

Curriculum and Instruction

The Ed.S. in curriculum and instruction is a highly-customizable program designed to meet the needs of professionals involved in curriculum, teaching, and supervision. Concentration areas include educational technology, elementary education, early childhood education, secondary education, special education and career and technical education.

Administration and Supervision

The Ed.S. in administration and supervision is designed to meet the needs of individuals whose career goals include licensure for advanced administrative positions in public and private schools such as district administrator, vocational director, administrative specialist, or building administrator.

Admission requirements

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year institution with a minimum 2.7 grade point average (4.0 scale) and a master's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum grade point average of 3.0.
2. Fill out an application to The Graduate School.
3. No GRE is required.

Program Requirements

1. In consultation with an advisor, complete a minimum of 32 semester hours of graduate course work beyond the master's level.
2. All course work for the Educational Specialist degree must be taken within a six-year period.
3. Most programs require the completion of a culminating experience, which may include field experiences, internships, or projects.
4. No more than six semester hours of credit from workshops (5/7950), problems or special topics courses (5/7980 or 6/8980) and independent studies (5/7990 or 6/8990) may be applied to a specialist's program.
5. Students are required to develop a plan of study with their adviser that specifies the coursework that must be completed to fulfill degree requirements. This plan must be filed prior to the completion of 15 semester hours and must be approved by the adviser, the college associate dean for graduate programs and research and the Graduate School.

“Individuals at the center of their own learning, in a rich intellectual environment characterized by choice.”

Sample program in Administration and Supervision

EDAS 8000 The Individual in Organizations

EDAS 8010 Supervision and Improved Instruction

EDAS 8110 Legal Aspects of School Administration

EDAS8150 The Administrative Experience

EDAS8190 Integrated Experiences in Education Administration

EDAS 8200 Continuous Improvement of Schools

EDAS 8220 Administration of Special Programs

EDAS8230 Community and Schools

EDAS8300 Integrate Experiences: Policies in Action

EDAS 8360 Personnel Management and Contract Administration in Education

EDAS8640 Leading Systems Change

EDAS7920 Specialist Project in Educational Administration

Sample program in Curriculum & Instruction (emphasis on special education)

SPED7000: Issues in Special Education

SPED 7180 Advanced Methodology for Teaching Students with Severe and Multiple Disabilities

SPED 7220 Research and Practice in Teaching Phonics, Reading and Writing to Students with Special Needs

SPED 7260 Family and Professional Relations in Special Education

SPED 7270 Team Models and Community Networking in Early Intervention

SPED 7280 Management of the Learning Environment in Early Childhood Special Education

SPED 7340 Advanced Behavior management

SPED 7980 Special Topics in Special Education

SPED 8070 Curriculum Models and Intervention Strategies in Early Childhood Special Education

SPED8080 Clinical and Educational Evaluation of Students with Disabilities

SPED 8220 Collaboration for Inclusive Schools

Other concentration areas include educational technology, elementary education, early childhood education, secondary education, and career and technical education.