

# EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

## Pre-K - 12 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SPECIALIZATION - ONLINE

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) in Educational Administration, PK-12 Principal program is designed as a post-master's degree for practicing teachers and/or administrators in the field. The conceptual framework for this innovative and exciting online degree prepares reflective leaders who are skilled educators whose practices and decisions draw upon the best available theory, research, and experiential wisdom.

Upon completion of the online Educational Administration degree, including the accompanying field-based internship, students also earn PK-12 Principal licensure. Students should contact their state for specific licensure requirements.

### DELIVERY METHOD

The University of South Dakota offers busy professionals an opportunity to earn an Educational Specialist degree totally online! Learn real-world solutions from distinguished faculty from the University of South Dakota who have a strong commitment to your success within a virtual learning environment.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School and specific requirements of the educational administration program. Graduate School requirements can be accessed online at [www.usd.edu/grad](http://www.usd.edu/grad).

To be eligible for the Educational Specialist degree in Educational Administration, applicants must:

- Possess a valid teaching certificate for licensure
- Possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning and an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) or its equivalent (2.5 for provisional admission)
- Possess a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning and a graduate GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or its equivalent
- GRE score = Full Admission: Minimum GRE Score of 150 Verbal and 140 Quantitative or above; Combined score of 290 or above. Or minimum MAT score: MAT 45 (scaled = 403) or above. Provisional Admission: Minimum GRE Score of 145 Verbal and 140 Quantitative or above; Combined score of 285 or above. Or minimum MAT Score: 35 (scaled = 388) or above.
- Provide official transcripts from all institutions of higher learning
- Provide three letters of recommendation
- Provide a Statement of Purpose

### TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: [www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm)

### GETTING STARTED

Prospective graduate students may apply through the Graduate School at [www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm).

The Graduate School forwards completed applications to the appropriate academic department for review. The department will then recommend the admission status of the applicant to the Dean of the Graduate School, who will make the final decision as to admission status. Students may be accepted to the University of South Dakota Graduate School with full admission or provisional admission.

Upon final decision of the Dean of the Graduate School, the Graduate School will notify in writing each applicant as to his/her admission status.

Once accepted, students can register online through WebAdvisor at [www.usd.edu/webadvisor](http://www.usd.edu/webadvisor) or through the online form located at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration>.

### NON-DEGREE PURSUANT STATUS

To experience the University of South Dakota as a non-degree pursuant student, the University offers graduate students the option of learning under a non-degree pursuant classification. Up to nine credit hours earned as a non-degree pursuant student may be applied to a graduate degree from USD at the discretion of the academic department.

**Please note:** Enrollment in a course does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Enrolling as a non-degree pursuant student is easy. Simply complete the online registration form at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration> during the registration session open to the public.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit [www.usd.edu/edad](http://www.usd.edu/edad) or contact a higher education service site that is appropriate for you:

**Sioux Falls, Sioux City,  
Vermillion area & Worldwide**  
Division of Continuing Education  
1-800-233-7937  
605-677-6240  
[cde@usd.edu](mailto:cde@usd.edu)

**Rapid City & Pierre area**  
University Center - Rapid City  
Contact: Benjamin Krush  
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# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE ROTATIONS

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## Major Area Required Courses (24 credit hours minimum)

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
EDAD 701	Introduction to Educational Administration (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 710	Elementary School Administration (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring, Every Summer
EDAD 711	Secondary School Administration (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring, Every Summer
EDAD 715	The Administrator & Instructional Supervision (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 716	The Administrator & Curriculum Development (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 720	Special Educational Law for School Administrators (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 735	School Law (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 740	School Community Relations (3 cr)	Online	Every Fall, Every Spring
EDAD 894S	Internship/Field Experience - Elementary & Secondary Levels (3 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD 898S	Thesis in EDAD (Ed.S.) (4 cr)	Online	Every Semester
EDAD	Electives (3-12 cr)	Online	Every Semester

## Supporting Area Required Courses (24 credit hours minimum)

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
EDER 762	Statistical Analysis in Education (3 cr)	Online	Every Spring
Electives	From C&I, CPE, TET Divisions (18-24 cr)	Online	Every Semester

**Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) in Educational Administration/Pre-K - 12 School Principal Program Total:  
Minimum 60 credit hours required, of which 32 credit hours must be earned beyond a Master's Degree**

\* If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 Fax: 605-677-3172  
E-mail: [disabilityservices@usd.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@usd.edu)



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