

EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION (EDS)

Specialist in Education in Educational Administration

Unit: College of Education and Human Development (GE) (<http://louisville.edu/education>)

Department: Educational Leadership, Evaluation, and Organizational Development (<http://louisville.edu/education/departments/eleod>)

Program Webpage (<https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/eds-ea>)

Academic Plan Code(s): EDADESPRN, EDADESSPV

Program Information

The EdS (Education Specialist) degree in Educational Administration is a 30-credit hour, post-master's degree program. It can lead to certification in principalship, or supervisor of instruction.

The EdS program is designed to prepare school leaders to engage staff, improve the instructional capacity of schools, and deal effectively with the educational challenges of the 21st century. The goal of the EdS program is to provide field experience, clinical practice, and conceptual and theoretical knowledge necessary for roles in instructional leadership. The Department of Educational Leadership, Evaluation, and Organizational Development maintains a strong collaboration with school districts in preparing exemplary P-12 school administrators.

The candidate's admission packet must demonstrate his/her skills and understanding of the following: ability to improve student achievement, leadership, and advanced knowledge of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Candidates applying for admission are jointly screened by both the University of Louisville faculty and local school district personnel.

Admission Requirements

- Evidence of bachelor's and master's degrees
- Transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work

Admission to this Program

- A 3.3 grade point average from the master's degree program
- Signed copies of the following forms: Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement and Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Personnel

Includes both Principal Certification and Supervisor of Instruction Certification

Degree Program Admission Requirements

- Joint screening by ELEOD Department and local school district personnel
- A written rationale for pursuing the degree (limit of one page)
- A current resume
- Your philosophy of education (not to exceed two pages)
- Two written letters of recommendation attesting to the candidate's skills and understanding of (a) ability to improve student achievement, (b) leadership, (c) advanced knowledge of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. One must be from the current site supervisor.

- Three years of successful K-12 teaching experience in Kentucky or three years (one year = 140 contract days) of successful K-12 teaching outside the state of Kentucky.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ELFH 633	Organizational Structures and Operations	3
ELFH 634	P-12 Leadership for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment	3
ELFH 635	P-12 Human Resources: Securing and Developing Staff	3
ELFH 636	Shaping School Culture and Community	3
MIDPOINT ASSESSMENT		
Satisfactory dispositions assessment ¹		
ELFH 637	Leveraging Community Systems and Resources	3
ELFH 620	Legal Issues in P-12 Education	3
ELFH 622	Educational Resource Management in P-12 Education	3
ELFH 782	Reflective Practice for School Leaders	3
Total Hours for Level 1 ²		24
ELFH 609	Internship in Educational Leadership (required course)	3
ELFH Electives ³		3
EXIT ASSESSMENT ⁴		
Minimum Total Credit Hours for Ed.S.		30
Minimum Total Credit Hours for Rank I ⁵		60

Degree Program Completion Requirements

A grade point average of 3.3 in all courses counting on this program

Successful completion of a capstone in ELFH 782 at the completion of Level 1

Successful completion of a program portfolio at the end of Level 2. Information about the portfolio is found in "Guidelines for Portfolio Completion Requirement," available from your advisor

Certification requirements

The Education Professional Standards Board is responsible for issuing and renewing certificates for all Kentucky teachers and administrators. Candidates for principal certification must pass both the SLLA and the KYTP. These tests may be taken during the last semester of coursework for Level 1 Principal Certification. Current information about the Kentucky assessment program may be retrieved from www.epsb.ky.gov (<http://www.epsb.ky.gov/mod/book/view.php?id=93>).

Completion of three (3) years of full-time teaching experience

- ¹ Satisfactory completion of hallmark/dispositions assessments in ELFH 633, ELFH 634, ELFH 635, and ELFH 636. Must maintain a GPA of 3.3.
- ² Refer to program completion requirements for Level 1 prior to Level 2
- ³ TBD by student and advisor - may be a course leading to additional certification
- ⁴ Students in the EdS program will be required to complete an exit portfolio in their last semester of the program.

- ⁵ Completion of a Rank 1 program requires a minimum of 60 credit hours in approved program. For Rank 1 purposes, approved graduate hours at the master's level may be counted to reach 60 credit hours, though some of those hours may not count toward certification. Students seeking Rank 1 simultaneously with this certification program must complete the appropriate form with the advisor. The advisor must approve electives/unnamed courses.