

# SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

## Education Specialist (Ed.S.)

The Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in School Administration prepares experienced educators for district-level leadership roles, including eligibility for the Superintendent endorsement, while requiring less time and cost than a doctoral degree. Applicants must have completed a 36-credit master's degree or endorsement program in School Administration for Principal. This advanced degree allows educators to deepen their expertise in educational leadership, strengthen administrative skills, and advance professional credentials.

Designed for working professionals, the online Ed.S. program allows students to continue their careers while balancing professional and personal responsibilities. Requiring 30 credit hours, the Ed.S. offers a streamlined alternative to an Ed.D. or Ph.D., which often requires 60–90 credits. The degree may also serve as a pathway to doctoral study, as some credits may be transferable. Wayne State College's online education programs are consistently recognized for their value, quality, and graduate outcomes.

## fast facts

**No entrance exams required**

**Credit hours:** 30

**Cost:** \$412/credit hour

**Degree offered:** Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in School Administration/Educational Leadership

**Delivery method:** Online

**Department:** Educational Foundations and Leadership

**School:** Education and Behavioral Sciences

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- District-level educational leadership
- School law and policy compliance
- Strategic problem solving
- School improvement planning and change management
- Human resources and labor relations
- School finance, budgeting, and fiscal oversight
- Facilities planning and capital management
- Community relations and public engagement

### Possible Careers

- School superintendent
- Assistant or associate superintendent
- District administrator or executive director
- Director of special education or student services
- Chief academic officer
- Financial or facilities director
- Educational leadership consultant

### Types of Employers

- Public school districts
- Private school systems
- Educational service units (ESUs)
- Charter school networks
- State departments of education
- Special education agencies
- Education consulting firms
- Postsecondary or technical education institutions
- Education-focused non-profits

## recognized for excellence

Wayne State College's School Administration programs are offered fully online as part of our nationally recognized graduate programs, combining affordability, flexibility, and leadership-focused curriculum for educational administrators.



### Best College for School Administration

Wayne State was recognized by College Factual as having the best School Administration program in Nebraska and No. 6 overall in the U.S. based on program quality, graduate success, low student debt, and other factors.



### Accredited by CAEP

WSC's educator preparation programs are nationally accredited by CAEP, providing assurance that our programs meet rigorous standards of excellence.

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

## School Administration (Ed.S.) program requirements (30 credit hours)

A minimum overall GPA of 3.2 must be achieved in the Education Specialist (Ed.S.) program. Transfer courses must have occurred in a degree program after completing the principal endorsement. While course substitutions are rare due to the program's specific content for the Superintendentcy, exceptions may be considered. A course receiving an S/NC grade cannot be used in the Ed.S. degree program.

- EDU 700 The Superintendentcy..... 3
- EDU 704 School Law for Administrators..... 3
- EDU 705 Problem Resolution in Educational Organizations..... 3
- EDU 710 School Improvement Planning..... 3
- EDU 721 Education Program Orientation..... 0
- EDU 725 Educational Facilities Planning..... 3
- EDU 730 Human Resources Administration..... 3
- EDU 740 Business Management..... 3
- EDU 745 School Finance and Budgeting..... 3
- EDU 750 School and Community Relations..... 3
- EDU 786 Advanced Internship in Educational Leadership..... 3

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