

# **ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP**

## **LICENSURE (SIXTH YEAR)**

- K-12 Principal
- Director of Special Education
- Superintendent

## **ENDORSEMENT**

- Director of Community Education

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

- Educational Administration
- Community Education

A St. Cloud State University cohort will be starting in the Twin Cities area beginning Summer 2009 for students interested in licensure as a K-12 principal, special education director, superintendent, or community education director. It is also anticipated that a cohort will be offered leading to a Master's in Educational Administration depending on level of student interest.

# Program FAQs

## What is a cohort?

A cohort is a group of learners collectively engaged in focused study. By design, the courses offered through a cohort model are required for all students in the cohort. Feedback on previously offered off-campus cohorts has been extremely positive—especially attractive are the networking and collaborative aspects of the classes.

## Why a cohort model?

Cohorts allow student and faculty resources to be used effectively and efficiently. There is greater likelihood that all students will complete the cohort program since everyone is supportive of the work of the individual and the group in general.

## How long will it take to get an administrative license?

The cohort coursework is completed in two summers and a fall and spring semester. If multiple licenses are desired (for example, K-12 Principal and Director of Special Education or K-12 Principal and Superintendent), it may take a little longer to complete all field experiences. It really depends how quickly a student can finish the internship (a full year is allowed for the internship completion once the student registers for the class).

## What are the requirements for administrative licensure?

All students seeking principal, superintendent, or director of special education licensure must all hold a master's degree in an educational field and complete a minimum of 30 semester credits beyond that degree. Also, an electronic portfolio must be completed showing competency in 13 state standards and completion of 320 hours of internship. Other specific requirements for each licensure area are indicated below.

**K-12 Principal:** Must have three years successful teaching experience, hold a valid Minnesota teaching license, and complete four additional standards specific to the principalship.

**Superintendent:** Must have three years successful teaching experience, and complete an additional five standards specific to the superintendency.

**Director of Special Education:** Must have two years of successful teaching experience in special education while holding a license valid for the position or positions in which the field experience was gained, and complete an additional three standards specific to the director license.

**Director of Community Education:** Must hold a Bachelor's degree, complete 24 credits in the licensure program, complete 320 hours of internship, complete an electronic portfolio showing competency in 13 state standards plus two additional standards specific to community education.

Information on Alternative Licensure Requirements is available for those not holding a teaching degree.

## What about a Master's Degree option?

If enough interest is expressed in a Master's degree in Educational Administration cohort, it will be offered in conjunction with the licensure (sixth year) program at the same location. The Master's degree requires 36 credits which includes completion of a research-based portfolio.

## When and where will the courses be offered?

The site for the classes will either be Roseville or Maple Grove. The first class will begin June, 2009.

## Can I transfer credits from another program?

Students can transfer up to 10 credits from an accredited program and if applicable to SCSU program requirements. The cohort advisor and the Dean of Graduate Studies must approve the transfer of credits.

## Who are the cohort faculty?

SCSU EDAD faculty will advise students and teach in the Twin Cities cohort. Adjunct faculty approved to teach in the Educational Administration program will also serve as instructors. St. Cloud State University faculty in Educational Administration and Leadership are experienced administrators and educators recognized for outstanding leadership in Minnesota and the nation.

## Do I need to apply to SCSU Graduate School?

Yes—this will be done as a cohort.

### Tuition

The 2009-2010 tuition has not been set. This year rates are \$275 per credit but some increase is anticipated.

### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

### Accreditation

The College of Education is proud of their status as a fully accredited institution and program by North Central Accreditation, and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The State Board of School Administrators has also accredited the licensure programs at SCSU

## COHORT SAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR COMBINED K-12 PRINCIPAL AND SUPERINTENDENT LICENSURE\*

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Day/ Month</u>
<b>SUMMER 2009</b>			
EDAD 601	Introduction to Educational Administration	1	Sat. June 5
EDAD 640	School Finance	3	June 15 - 18
EDAD 605	K - 12 Principalship	<u>3</u>	July 13 - 16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7</b>	
<b>FALL 2009</b>			
EDAD 608	School Superintendent	3	Fri, Sat: Oct. Nov.
EDAD 631	Advanced Supervision	3	Fri, Sat: Sept, Oct
EDAD 674	K - 12 Principal Field Experience	<u>4</u>	Sat. Dec. 5 Orientation
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10</b>	
<b>SPRING 2010</b>			
EDAD 646	Auxiliary Functions	3	Fri. Sat: Jan, Feb
EDAD 613	Administration of Special Education	3	Fri. Sat: March, April
EDAD 678	Superintendent Field Experience	<u>4</u>	arranged
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10</b>	
<b>SUMMER 2010</b>			
EDAD 611	Portfolio Review	1	arranged
EDAD 622	Legal Aspects	3	June 14 - 17
EDAD 657	Education Policy	<u>3</u>	June 21 - 24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7</b>	
		<b>34</b>	<b>TOTAL COHORT CREDITS</b>

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