

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Licensure Program

Department of Educational Leadership

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Enrollment information
may be obtained through:

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St. Cloud, MN 56301
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Department of Educational Leadership

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Enrollment Information: Director of Special Education

Check if you would also like information on Project LEAD
(Please type or print clearly)

Name _____ last _____ first _____ middle _____

Address _____ street _____ city _____ state _____ zip _____

Work phone _____ Home phone _____ E-mail address _____

Undergraduate _____ Graduation Date _____ Degree _____ College _____

Graduate _____ Graduation Date _____ Degree _____ College _____

Highest degree _____ Credits beyond highest degree _____

List current teaching license(s) _____

There is a need to prepare administrators to assume leadership roles in Minnesota schools. *Several studies indicate that by 2008, 78% of the current school administration in Minnesota will either retire or be eligible to retire under the Rule of 90.* These positions will be key in maintaining the quality of education and assuring that Minnesota students will be prepared for the 21st century.

This program will serve persons seeking a director of special education license. It is open to those who have earned a master's degree, and otherwise qualify for admission to graduate studies at St. Cloud State University. The following features have been identified to assist you in determining if this program is right for you.

Unique features of this program include:

- St. Cloud State University is affiliated with Project LEAD - - Leadership Education and Development. Project LEAD is a comprehensive, developmental system for the recruitment, induction, transformation, and on-going education of Minnesota's education leaders.
- Credit options for coursework offered through Project LEAD are available.
- Graduate coursework and professional development offerings are designed to facilitate and empower leaders in service of Minnesota's children and youth who have disabilities.

Enrollment Requirements:

1. Master's degree in a broad field of education from an accredited institution.
2. Two years of successful teaching experience in special education while holding a license valid for the position or positions in which the experience was gained.
3. Admission to St. Cloud State University Graduate Studies and the Department of Educational Administration and Leadership.

Program Costs:

Costs are based on current St. Cloud State University graduate tuition and fees.

Additional Program Information:

- Students may work on dual licensure for the principalship and/or superintendency in conjunction with the director license for an additional 4 - 9 semester credits.
- In addition to administrative licensure, students may pursue a specialist degree. The department is in process of developing a collaborative cohort doctoral program. Call for current information on the status of the program.
- Courses specific to director licensure are taught by Dr. Janine Dahms-Walker, an associate professor with over 13 years experience as a practicing Director of Special Education. Dr. Dahms-Walker was the recipient of the 2002 Statewide Leader of Excellence from the Minnesota Administrators for Special Education and was also awarded the 2002 Administrator of Excellence from the Minnesota Association of School Administrators. She has served as President of the Minnesota Administrators for Special Education from 1999-2001.

Coursework for Director of Special Education Licensure:

CORE	SPECIALTY	FIELD EXPERIENCE	ELECTIVES
15 credits	8 credits	3 credits	4 credits
EDAD 609 Supervision of Special Education (3) EDAD 619 Legal/Financial Aspects of Special Education (3) EDAD 657 Education Policy (3) (recommended) Electives (6)	EDAD 601 Intro to Education Administration (1) EDAD 611 Portfolio Review (1) EDAD 613 Administration of Special Education (3) EDAD 616 Special Education Program Development (3)	EDAD 676 Field Experience: Director of Special Education (200 hours)	Students may choose coursework from the core, administrative specialty, or credit through Project LEAD.