

# EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP WITH SPECIALIZATION

## Program Description

Division of Education Faculty (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-humanities-education-arts/faculty-staff?d=Education>)

Division of Education Certification Programs Website (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-humanities-education-arts/graduate-programs/certification-programs>)

The School Executive Leadership (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-humanities-education-arts/graduate-programs/certification-programs/school-executive-leadership>) program is intended for those who wish to prepare to become educational leaders outside the superintendency. As distinct from the Superintendent Certification program, this program is designed for both certificated and non-certificated educational leaders.

The first option provides professional development opportunities within a specialized area for certificated candidates. The second option provides non-certificated students, or those who hold either current teacher or ESA certification who currently serve in a district level position, with an opportunity to receive a program administrator certificate by completing this program.

You complete the same core coursework as for the superintendent certificate but replace the field experience with electives in a chosen specialization and/or an applied field study in that area of specialization. All coursework is completed over a two-year period.

### Areas of Specialization

- Teaching and Learning (Curriculum and Instruction)
- Finance and Business
- Human Relations Administration
- Special Education
- Support Programs (Remediation, ELL, etc.)

Applicants who have earned a School Executive Leadership with Specialization certificate from SPU may also earn their Superintendent Certification (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-humanities-education-arts/graduate-programs/certification-programs/superintendent>) by completing 6 credits of EDAD 7890 Executive Leadership Field Experience.

A valid teaching or ESA certificate is required for those who wish to add a principal certificate.

You must complete all coursework for the second certificate within three years of earning the previous certificate.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants must submit the following items to the Graduate Admissions (<http://spu.edu/graduate-admissions>):

- Online application (<http://admissions.spu.edu/apply/>) and \$50 application processing fee.
- Copy of current teaching certificate, front and back.
- Copy of current administrator's certificate, front and back.
- Official transcript(s) from each college/university attended.

- If your degree is not from a U.S. college or university, please arrange for your transcript to be evaluated by a NACES member (<http://www.naces.org/>)-recognized credential service. Acceptable credential services include, but are not limited to, World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org/>) (WES) and Foundation for International Services (<http://www.fis-web.com/>) (FIS).
- Personal statement (1–2 pages).
- Résumé.
- Two letters of recommendation (one supervisory, one professional).
- Site Agreement form, available in the online application (<http://admissions.spu.edu/apply/>).

## Contact

If you have questions about graduate education or certification programs:

- Email: [gradadmissions@spu.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@spu.edu)
- Phone: 206-281-2091

## Executive Leadership with Specialization

24 Credits Minimum

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Major Courses</b>		
EDAD 7581	Systems Leadership	3
EDAD 7582	Education Law and Policy Studies	3
EDAD 7583	Leading Diverse Communities	3
EDAD 7584	Resource Management	3
EDAD 7586	Interpersonal Relations	3
EDAD 7588	Improving Student Learning	3
Section Credits Required		18
<b>Specialization</b>		
Select six credits		6
Section Credits Required		6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>24</b>