

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

About the School

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The School of Education at Seattle Pacific University allows you to earn a graduate degree or certification from a school of education with an outstanding academic reputation, and a flexible program designed for the working professional. Through your graduate program, you'll discover how your vision for bringing hope to all children can be achieved.

The School of Education offers more than a dozen graduate programs. You can choose from two doctoral programs, nine master's degree programs, and seven certification programs, all of which focus on developing the competence, character, leadership, and service of educators.

Doctoral

- Education (PhD) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/doctor-philosophy-education-phd/>)
- Education: Curriculum and Instruction (EdD) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/curriculum-instruction-edd/>)
- Education: Digital Educational Leadership (EdD) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/digital-educational-leadership-edd/>)
- Education: Executive Leadership (EdD) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/executive-leadership-edd/>)
- Education: Literacy (EdD) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/literacy-edd/>)
- Education: Self-Designed (EdD) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/self-designed-edd/>)

Master's

- AMAT: Elementary Education (MAT) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/elementary-amat/>)
- AMAT: Secondary/P-12 Certification (MAT) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/secondary-p-12-certification-amat/>)
- AMAT: Special Education + Elementary Certification (MAT) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education-elementary-certification-amat/>)
- AMAT: Special Education + Secondary Certification (MAT) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education-secondary-amat/>)
- Curriculum & Instruction: Curriculum and Instruction Emphasis (MEd) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/curriculum-instruction-curriculum-instruction-emphasis-med/>)
- Curriculum & Instruction: Multilingual Learner Emphasis (MEd) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/curriculum-instruction-multilingual-learner-emphasis-med/>)

- Curriculum & Instruction: Self-Designed Emphasis (MEd) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/curriculum-instruction-self-designed-emphasis-med/>)
- Curriculum & Instruction: Teacher Leadership Emphasis (MEd) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/curriculum-instruction-teacher-leadership-emphasis-med/>)
- Educational Leadership with Program Administrator Certification (MEd) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/educational-leadership-program-administrator-certification-med/>)
- Educational Leadership with School Principal Certification (MEd) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/educational-leadership-school-principal-certification-med/>)
- MAT: Elementary Education (MAT) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/elementary-certification-mat/>)
- MAT: Secondary/P-12 Certification (MAT) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/secondary-andor-p-12-certification-mat/>)
- MAT: Special Education + Secondary/P-12 Certification (MAT) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education-secondary-mat/>)
- MAT: Special Education and Elementary (MAT) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education-elementary-mat/>)
- MTMS: Teaching Math and Science (MTMS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/accelerated-master-teaching-mathematics-science-amtms/>)

Certificates

- ARC: Elementary Education (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/elementary-education-arc/>)
- ARC: Secondary/P-12 Certification (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/secondary-p-12-certification-arc/>)
- ARC: Special Education + Elementary Education (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education-elementary-education-arc/>)
- ARC: Special Education + Secondary/P-12 Certification (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education-secondary-p-12-certification-arc/>)
- Digital Educator Certificate (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/digital-educator-certificate/>)
- Executive Leadership with Program Administrator Certification (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/executive-leadership-program-administrator-certification/>)
- Executive Leadership with Specialization (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/executive-leadership-specialization-certification/>)
- Principal Certification (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/principal-certification/>)
- Program Administrator Certification (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/program-administrator-certification/>)
- Superintendent Certification (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/school-education/superintendent-certification/>)

Policy on Acceptance of Transfer Credits

The School of Education will only accept graduate- or doctoral-level transfer courses from regionally accredited institutions. All courses must be taken for credit and a regular letter or numeric grade. Pass/Fail or satisfactory grades are not accepted. A minimum grade of C (2.0) is required. Individual programs may require a higher grade.

At the discretion of your program chair, the School of Education may accept a maximum (rounding down) of one third of the total number of required credits in your graduate degree, graduate certificate, or doctoral degree program. For example, a graduate program that requires 60 credits may accept up to 20 credits of transfer coursework. A doctoral program that requires 90 credits may accept up to 30 credits of transfer coursework.

All credits are listed in quarter hours. Credits earned at semester schools will be converted to quarter hours. In all cases, official transcripts must be provided, and in some cases, course syllabi will be required for evaluation.

The combined total of accepted transfer credits and accepted 5000-level coursework may not exceed one third of the total number of required credits in your program.

Policy on Use of 5000-level SPU Credits

Graduate degrees in the School of Education may accept up to 12 credits of 5000-level (professional development) coursework taken at SPU through the Center for Professional Education. Doctoral programs do not accept professional development courses, either from SPU or elsewhere. Courses taken at SPU at the 5000 level are not eligible for financial aid, nor do these courses contribute to credit load for calculating financial aid. In addition, 5000-level courses are not eligible for loan deferment. Tuition for 5000-level courses is due at registration. For questions about implications on financial aid, email sfs-info@spu.edu.

The combined total of accepted transfer credits and accepted 5000-level coursework may not exceed one third of the total number of required credits in your program.

Enrollment Policy

- Students must be continuously enrolled in required SPU courses to earn a degree or certificate in the School of Education, or until officially withdrawing from the program. Exceptions to continuous enrollment must be approved by the program director.
- Students may be granted a leave of absence for up to four quarters by the program director. Once the leave of absence has expired, the student will either enroll in graduate coursework or be dropped from the program.
- University academic policy requires continuous enrollment to remain admitted in a graduate program. After four quarters of non-enrollment, students will be placed in "inactive status" and will need to reapply for admission.
- If a student decides to no longer pursue the degree or certificate, the student may officially withdraw from the program and SPU by notifying the program director and the associate director of graduate programs.