

EdSp in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis with Emphasis in PK-12 Educational Leadership and Administration, Elementary and Secondary Principal and Superintendent, Certification

Degree Requirements

ED_LPA 8417	Site-Level Organization and Leadership	3
ED_LPA 8419	Superintendent: Structures and Processes for Effective Schools	3
ED_LPA 8423	Advanced Leadership for Learning Environments	3
ED_LPA 8424	Education Politics and Policymaking	3
ED_LPA 8431	Leadership for Data-Driven Change (this course may be waived if student had similar course in Master's program)	3
ED_LPA 9420	Superintendent: Fiscal Leadership and Management	3
ED_LPA 9424	Superintendent: Instructional Leadership	3
ED_LPA 9429	Superintendent: Communication, Team Leadership	3
ED_LPA 9435	Superintendent: Legal Leadership and Management	3
ED_LPA 9461	Ethics in Education	3
ED_LPA 9481	Internship in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis	3

Internship Requirement

Students may become eligible for both elementary and secondary level principal certifications by completing two internships, but in two or three semesters (ED_LPA 9481 - a total of 3 graduate hours). To be eligible for PK-12 building level certifications, 300 internship hours must be completed. Specific activities and expectations are provided to students by their internship advisor.

Students may become eligible for central office/superintendent certification by completing the internship experience required by ELPA for graduation and recommendation to the MO DESE for central office/superintendent certification. This is usually gained over two semesters (a total of 3 graduate hours). To be eligible for central office/superintendent certification, 300 internship hours must be completed. Specific activities and expectations are provided to students by their internship advisor.

All internships may be completed simultaneously, if the student's workday and class schedule allows. (For two building level internships and one central office internship, however, it is unlikely that a student would be able to complete all requirements in one semester.) The total number

of graduate hours required for both K-12 principal and central office/superintendent certifications is 6. **NOTE:** DESE requires two years of building-level administration before they will issue a superintendent certificate.

Sample Plan of Study

First Year					
Fall	CR	Spring	CR	Summer	CR
ED_LPA 8423	3	ED_LPA 8419	3	ED_LPA 8417	3
ED_LPA 9429	3	ED_LPA 8424	3	ED_LPA 8431	3
ED_LPA 9461	3	ED_LPA 9424	3	ED_LPA 9420	3
ED_LPA 9481	6			ED_LPA 9435	3
(Taken over several semesters)					
	15		9		12

Total Credits: 36

Qualifying Process

Contact department for more information.

Comprehensive Examination Process

Upon completion of course work and during the semester of graduation, all students must take and pass a capstone.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the EdSp in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/degreecategory/educational-leadership-policy-analysis/>) and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/>). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you've applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

For application instructions, see: <https://education.missouri.edu/educational-leadership-policy-analysis/degrees-programs/pk-12-administration/>