

PA Supervisor of Special Education

The coursework and related experiences prepare the candidate to promote the success of all students by becoming a district level leader for Special Education within the K-12 school system. "Leadership for Student Achievement" is the common thread throughout the program. Upon successful completion of the program, individuals will make application for PA Supervisor of Special Education certification.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURES

- Visit the Graduate School webpage and click the "Apply" link on the left side of the screen.
- Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the "account" link on the Apply page.

CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email help@collegenet.com.

Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:

1. Complete the online application
2. Pay an application fee of \$30.
3. Submit official transcripts verifying an earned baccalaureate and master's degree from an accredited institution.
4. Writing sample, reflecting your understanding on how educational leaders shape learning and your philosophy of promoting student achievement and success for all students
5. Completed [mentor form](#)
6. Submit copy of a current and valid teaching certificate in Special Education.
7. Proof of five years of satisfactory, professional, certificate experience in Special Education on a Special Education certificate.

CURRICULUM

27 semester hours of prescribed graduate credit is required as a partial requirement for the degree.

These required graduate credits should be earned as follows:

EDLR 700 Introduction to Educational Leadership
EDLR 721 Collaborative Leadership for Evaluation
EDLR 731 School and Community Relations
EDLR 741 Curriculum Leadership
EDLR 760 Legal Aspects of Educational Leadership.
EDLR 765 Financial Aspects of Educational Leadership
EDLR 775 Educational Leadership Theory and Practice
EDLR 792 School Supervision Internship*

*All internship courses, whether in an online or campus-based program, will be charged at the on-campus rate.

Individuals who have earned either the Master of Education in Educational Leadership or Teacher Leadership degree offered by Edinboro University will be allowed to transfer 12 semester hours into the Post-master's certificate program. These students will be required to complete only 15 additional semester hours of prescribed graduate credit as a partial requirement for the PA Supervisor of Special Education certificate program. Students who have earned an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership at another university should contact the Graduate Program Head to determine which courses might transfer in and count towards the 27 semester hours of graduate credit required for the PA Supervisor of Special Education certificate program.

Individuals not possessing an M.Ed. in Special Education must demonstrate previous graduate course work in Special Education or take additional graduate course work in Special education as prescribed by the Program Head for Educational Leadership as part of their Supervisor of Special Education certificate program.

Additional Requirements and Procedures. In addition to successful completion of the prescribed 27 graduate credits of course work for the PA Supervisor of Special Education certification, the individual will be required to: conduct and present a focus project on student achievement in the required internship and meet the cut off score for the PRAXIS 5412 Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision. No more than three semester hours of "C" grade will be accepted toward meeting the 27 semester hours of credit required for the PA Supervisor of Special Education certificate.

Student Responsibility. It is the responsibility of individuals completing requirements for PA Supervisor of Special Education certification to submit the appropriate forms needed to obtain the certification from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Dean of Education as soon as the certification requirements have been completed.

Only international students who hold immigration status and have submitted a form of intent to become a citizen are eligible to apply for PDE teacher certification.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to successful completion of the prescribed 30 graduate credits of course work for the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, the individual will be required to satisfactorily complete a comprehensive exam administered in the final semester of their program. No more than six semester hours of "C" grade will be accepted toward meeting the 30 semester hours of credit required for the M.Ed. in Teacher Leadership.

For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

For questions specific to the Supervisor of Special Education program, please contact **Dr. Andrew J. Pushchak** at (814) 732-2548 apushchak@edinboro.edu.

Office for Accessibility Services: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Accessibility Services (OAS), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the OAS web page.

Financial Aid Considerations: An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to \$20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for

12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or finaid@edinboro.edu.

Employer Reimbursement: Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

Veterans' Education Benefits: Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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