

## District-Level Licensure in Educational Leadership

Wichita State's Counseling, Educational Leadership, Educational and School Psychology department (CLES) offers degrees/licensure leading to the Master of Education in Educational Leadership, District Level Licensure, and the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership.

### Application Deadlines:

Students are admitted for fall, spring, and summer. Applications are acted upon when the applicant's file is complete. Qualified applicants may begin the program once admitted by the Graduate School.

### Admission Requirements

Students wishing to complete the District Level Licensure program MUST be admitted to at least Non-Degree Category A status in Educational Leadership. Current or past graduate students of WSU should contact the Graduate School office at 316-978-3095 to determine if they will need to apply for admission to that status. Applicants who are graduates from other universities will need to submit a Graduate School application for Non-Degree A status in Educational Leadership, as well as the appropriate application fee, Official transcripts from the university where the applicant received the Master's degree, sent directly to the Graduate School office, is also a requirement for admission.

Applicants must have validated strengths on the following multiple indicators:

1. Official transcript from a regionally accredited university where the applicant received a Master's degree.
2. Minimum GPA of 3.25 for graduate coursework leading to the master's degree.
3. Three years of employment / experience in an accredited school district.
4. Professional Goal Statement: A 500 word paper that discusses the applicant's leadership professional and non-professional leadership experiences. The applicant must be specific detailing the goals and outcomes of his/her leadership experience. The professional goal statement will be analyzed for evidence of leadership ability and writing skill.
5. At least three letters of recommendation from people who have supervised the applicant in either an employment or community service capacity, and who can comment on the applicant's intellectual ability, creativity, initiative, sensitivity to others, and leadership potential.

### Academic Requirements:

The district-level program requires 21 credit hours of coursework. Each student must successfully complete the following courses:

- EL 884 (3) Leadership in Vision, Collaboration and Planning
  - EL 953 (3) Financial Support of Education
- (Continued)

## Required Courses (Continued)

- EL 963 (3) Policy and Politics in Educational Leadership
- EL 956 (3) Human Services Leadership
- EL 964 (3) Administration and Supervision of Special Education
- EL 992 (6) Superintendency/Internship

Candidates may start the program in the summer, fall or spring and can take the entire program in 1 year or spread over 2 years. The first option involves taking seminars while also serving a Superintendency internship.

EL 884 and EL 956 are 8-week courses offered during the fall semester.

EL 963 and EL 964 are 8-week courses offered during the spring semester.

EL 953 is offered in the first summer session.

EL 992 is offered during the fall and spring semesters.

## Endorsement Requirements

Upon the completion of all district level coursework, candidates are required to complete and pass the School Superintendent Assessment (SSA) which is based on the 2008 ISLLC standards. After successfully completing the SSA, the candidate may apply for licensure to the Kansas State Department of Education. Completing an application for licensure is the last requirement of district level program. The candidate can access this web address: <http://www.ksde.org/authenticationpublic/> to locate the Kansas Licensure Application. This website gives you access to the KSDE User Registration form. Questions regarding licensure can be directed to the Wichita State Licensure Office (316-978-3300).

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