

TWO LEADERSHIP PATHS, ONE DEGREE!

PRINCIPAL PREPARATION + DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

P-12 Educational Administration M.S.

Department of Educational Administration and Foundations at Illinois State University

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About the Program

The combination principal preparation-director of special education (DOSE) master's degree is a 42 credit hour program that leads to principal endorsement and contains the requirements for DOSE coursework. Students must take and pass state licensure tests as well. Graduates of this program are prepared for a range of leadership positions in Illinois schools. The next cohort begins in the fall of 2027.

Applicant Criteria

- **Must be a professionally licensed teacher.**
- **Cumulative GPA of 3.0 in a 4.0 scale for either the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work or any previous work in a master's program**
- **Must have two years of full time teaching experience as an LBS1, DHH and/or LVB.**
- **Learn more at an info session Education.IllinoisState.edu/EAFinfo**

Apply

Preferred application deadline
April 15, 2027

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REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Updated resume
- Admissions essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- One official copy of transcripts from all institutions attended (excluding ISU)
- Professional portfolio (description at Education.IllinoisState.edu/Principal)
- Prospective candidates will be interviewed by representative faculty and advisory committee partners

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Illinois State University

DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND FOUNDATIONS
Illinois State University

Cost and Funding

Financial aid details available at:
FinancialAid.IllinoisState.edu

Tuition & fees are approximately $1,700 for a 3-credit graduate course. Tuition increases annually.

Read about Illinois State's scholarships, tuition waivers, & graduate assistantships at:
Education.IllinoisState.edu/ms_p12/Financial

Apply for EAF Scholarships by April 1, 2027
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Course Information

42 credit hours (Approximately 2.5 Years)

EAF 430: Issues in Site Level Leadership
EAF 431: School Leadership and the Law
EAF 432: Principal as Change Agent
EAF 433: Leading Learning for Equity
EAF 434: Supervision of Learning
EAF 435: Leadership for Stages of Mind
EAF 436: Leadership for Diverse Learning Needs
EAF 437: Assessment Data Systems
EAF 438: Building Community Engagement through Collaboration
EAF 439: Leading School Improvement Planning
EAF 498: Internship in Educational Administration
SED 502: Legal & Policy Issues Affecting Special Ed Program Administration
SED 517: Special Education Finance
SED 422: Inclusive Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities*

*The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) determines whether SED 422 is required for students to be eligible for the DOSE endorsement. Students should contact ISBE before registering for the course to determine whether it is necessary for their individual plan of study.



Schedule

Students who start in the fall of 2027 will finish at the end of the fall 2029 semester (2.5 years).

The principal preparation-DOSE internship is not full time and does not require a leave of absence from your employer.

Attend an online information session:
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More Info

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