

Ed.D. in P-12 Administration

For school leaders who hold an M.S. degree/principal certification from a state accredited program.

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Developing Practical Wisdom

All materials must be received
by April 15, 2026.

Illinois State's education graduate
programs are ranked #81 in the
country by *US News & World Report*.

Qualifications

The P-12 Ed.D. is designed for school leaders who have:

Demonstrated at least two years of effectiveness as a building or central office administrator/leader. Must have principal licensure.

Strong academic credentials and an interest in conducting scholarly research on a problem of practice.

Location/Format

The P-12 Administration Ed.D. is an online program. Fall and spring courses take place in the evening in a stacked format (two courses back-to-back). Summer course work is offered in a compacted format.

Cost

The current in-state tuition cost for a 3-credit course is approximately \$1,700. *Tuition costs may increase annually*

Apply for scholarships at

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CPED Design

Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED)

EAF utilizes the CPED model for its Ed.D. Program. The emphasis of the the model is to develop students' abilities to conduct research and scholarship in practice to solve real issues in education. It is a more relevant and rigorous approach for practitioners who want to serve as impactful leaders in Prek-12 settings. The CPED model has empowered our alumni to enact real change in their schools and districts.

To learn more about what sets a CPED-influenced Ed.D. program apart from traditional PreK-12 doctoral programs, visit **CPEDinitiative.org**

Requirements

The program requires 51 hours of course work beyond a masters degree followed by 15 hours of dissertation research.

Doctoral residency requirements are fulfilled during the program.

Applying

Complete your application for the Illinois State campus-based P-12 Ed.D. cohort by April 15, 2026 at:

Apply.IllinoisState.edu

The application requires:

1. Academic writing sample
2. Up-to-date resume
3. Answers to questions about your research interests & goals
4. Evidence of completed Principal Licensure
5. Two references

References must address these criteria:

- Leadership experiences and ability to collaborate in a team
- Strong communication and academic writing skills demonstrating analytical and critical thinking ability
- Ability to conduct academic research independently

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Testimonials



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