

Department of Educational Administration and Foundations

Illinois State University



The Department of Educational Administration and Foundations (EAF) at Illinois State University prepares diverse professionals for leadership roles in education, nonprofits, and policy work.

Its core goals and guiding principles include:

- **Social Justice and Equity: Advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by training leaders who advocate for equitable, inclusive practices in their communities.**
- **Leadership Development: Equipping educators, superintendents, and higher education administrators with the skills necessary to run efficient, effective, and safe learning environments.**
- **Realizing the Democratic Ideal: Grounding administrative practice in the belief that strong educational systems are essential to producing an informed and enlightened democratic society.**
- **Action-Based Research: Fulfilling the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) framework by using practical, contextualized research to solve localized real-world problems.**
- **Practical Application: Bridging theory and practice through sustained, standards-based professional fieldwork in authentic setting**