

Education Specialist

Educational Leadership with a Concentration in Occupational and Technical Studies (EdS)

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The Department of STEM Education and Professional Studies jointly offers the education specialist (EdS) with the Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership. The program offers a cohesive sequence of academic studies designed to help graduates deal effectively with administrative problems encountered in urban schools and agencies. This program does not lead to K-12 school leadership licensure.

Admission

To be admitted to the EdS program, an applicant must:

1. Hold a master's degree in career and technical education or related field;
2. Have a successful experience as an administrator or teacher;
3. Hold a teaching license or equivalent; and

Students seeking this degree need to apply through the EdS program in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling.

Entrance

Students must:

1. meet all University requirements,
2. provide two letters of recommendation;
3. hold a master's degree from an accredited institution (minimum 3.25 graduate grade point average),
4. provide a one-page essay explaining why he/she should be admitted to the program; and
5. have an acceptable score on the GRE or Miller Analogies Test.

Curriculum Requirements

Requirements for the EdS with a specialty in occupational and technical studies include 30 semester hours (18 hours must be completed in 800-level courses in ELS), as follows:

Educational Leadership

ELS 753	Educational Finance and Budgeting	3
ELS 871	Educational Systems Planning and Futures	3
ELS 876	Leadership for Social Justice	3
ELS 878	Leadership for Teaching and Learning	3
ELS 879	Field Research in School Administration and Supervision	3

Occupational & Technical Studies

SEPS 860	Trends and Issues in Occupational Education	3
SEPS 862	Administration and Management of Education and Training Programs	3
SEPS 885	Curriculum Development in Occupational Education and Training	3
SEPS 888	Instructional Strategies for Innovation in Training and Occupational Education	3
SEPS 889	Instructional Technology in Education and Training**	3

Total Credit Hours **30**

** And/or other courses approved by the candidate's advisor.

Additional Requirements

Continuance

Students must meet all University requirements and maintain a 3.00 or higher grade point average.

Exit

Students must successfully complete:

1. a written comprehensive examination,
2. the required course of study,
3. have a 3.00 grade point average or above, and
4. complete a university graduate student assessment.