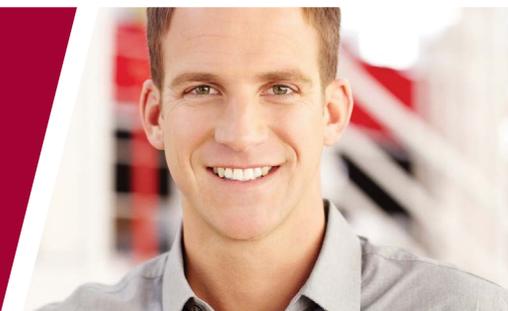


School Executive Leadership with Superintendent Certification

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Program Overview

The Superintendent Certification program emphasizes the knowledge and skills appropriate to district-level administrative assignments in the PK–12 setting such as superintendent, deputy superintendent, associate and assistant superintendent, directors, and other similar roles. A teaching certificate is required for admission to the program. Those students completing the program will earn a Washington Initial Superintendent Certificate.

Program Outcomes

The Superintendent Certification program is based on the National Educational Leadership Preparation Standards, and, as a result, those completing the program are ready to:

- Develop and implement a vision for learning that is supported by school and community stakeholders
- Sustain a coherent professional development and instructional program conducive to student learning
- Effectively manage the organization and resources for a safe and effective learning environment
- Collaborate with families and community members to mobilize resources in responding to diverse community interests and needs
- Act with integrity and fairness in an ethical manner
- Understand and appropriately respond to the political, social, and cultural dynamics of a school district

Successful completion of the Superintendent Certification will qualify you for a leadership role in PK–12 education. The superintendent certificate option also meets the specialization requirements of SPU’s Doctor of Education (EdD) degree and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees.

Program Design

The Superintendent Certification program is designed to be reflective, experiential, practical, and relevant to the profession. Coursework and internships are based on a convenient, two-year cohort model that allows you to attend class while continuing your work responsibilities.

The program includes a field-based internship experience. You will be required to complete a 360-hour field experience over two years to qualify for a Superintendent Certificate. The field-based experience blends theory and practical course applications into actual leadership experiences. These internship experiences are guided by a designated district mentor and are overseen by SPU Educational Leadership faculty.

Integrated Courses

The core curriculum includes six integrated standards-based courses that link your previous experience to the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for senior-level leadership positions. Courses meet three times per academic quarter (once a month) on Friday afternoons, Friday evenings, and Saturday mornings.

Leadership Seminars

To enhance collegiality, collaboration, and practitioner skills, each Friday course session is preceded by a leadership seminar. In these seminars, you’ll discuss problems of practice, share insights gained from the field experience, assist in developing a professional growth plan, and present key findings from integrated projects. The leadership seminar is an integral part of the program.

“ Within months of completing the superintendent certification program at Seattle Pacific University, I was honored to be offered my first assistant superintendent position. The program’s rigorous coursework, coupled with insightful speakers and real-world application, gave me the confidence and preparation I needed to step into district-level leadership. SPU equipped me not only with knowledge, but also with a network and a mindset grounded in service, equity, and effective leadership.”

Rhonda Kromm, Assistant Superintendent of Port Angeles School District



The Faculty

Faculty members in the Superintendent Certification program are seasoned professionals whose cumulative experience spans a variety of educational levels and positions, including building principals, assistant superintendents, and superintendents of large and medium school districts. In addition, adjunct senior-level administrators (superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant superintendent) complement the regular faculty and provide contemporary relevance to the program.

Admission Requirements

For the Superintendent Certification program, please submit the following items:

- Graduate application form, available online at spu.edu/applynow
- Copy of the most current teaching certificate
- Copy of the most current administrator’s certificate
- Official transcript(s) from each college/university attended
- Personal statement (1–2 pages)
- Résumé
- Two letters of recommendation (one supervisory, one professional)
- Site Agreement form, approved by superintendent or head of school (private schools)
- \$50 application fee

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 15, August 15, November 15

QUESTIONS

For more information about the Superintendent Certification program, go to spu.edu/edl. If you have further questions about the program or your candidacy, contact Dr. Julie Antilla, Educational Leadership Chair, at 206-281-2216 or antillaj@spu.edu.

For questions regarding admission requirements, contact Graduate Admissions at 206-281-2091, 800-601-0603 toll free, or via email at gradadmissions@spu.edu.

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