

SUPERINTENDENT CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE



Why a Superintendent's Certificate?

Leading a 21st-Century school district requires a superintendent to have skills in leadership and management as never before. School principals with the right training for the challenging educational environment of today are perfectly positioned to advance into district-level leadership positions in PK-12 educational settings.

Why a Superintendent's Certificate at BGSU?

BGSU'S program is NCATE accredited and nationally recognized as a member of The University Council for Educational Administration, a consortium of higher education institutions committed to advancing the preparation and practice of educational leaders for the benefit of schools and children.

Our cohorts are offered in one of two predetermined formats:

- 1. Online** - All class sessions are presented online.
- 2. Blended** - Classes meet face-to-face three times per semester with the remaining 12 classes conducted online.

The Educational Leadership program will also work with individual school districts, educational service centers, and CTC programs to customize a cohort that meets the needs of faculty.

Learning outcomes

The post-master's licensure and certificate program is designed to give school principals advanced preparation in administration and supervision. Graduates are well prepared to successfully apply to the Ohio Department of Education for an Initial District Level Administrator (superintendent) license. They will possess the leadership and management skills needed to address the most challenging issues facing school districts today.

Program strength and uniqueness

- Convenience and flexibility of an online blended degree program
- License is earned in a minimum of 15 semester hours
- NCATE accredited and nationally recognized as a member of The University Council for Educational Administration
- BGSU faculty are highly experienced as school leaders in addition to serving in leadership roles across a variety of local, state and national organizations
- Expertise of area K-12 administrators
- Cohort-based

Professional opportunities

Graduates of this program are eligible to apply for a superintendent's license from the Ohio Department of Education, and will be positioned to advance their careers by moving into district-level leadership roles.



"When I accepted my first assignment as a local school superintendent in 2011, I felt very well prepared for the challenges of the position. Without question, Bowling Green State University played a very important role in my preparation."

— Steve Arnold '06,
Superintendent,
Wayne Trace Local Schools

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact EDAS Coordinator, Dr. Paul Johnson, College of Education & Human Development, at pjohnso@bgsu.edu or call 419-372-7369. Visit us online at www.bgsu.edu/superintendentlicensure

Admission requirements

Applicants must hold a four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution. Applicants are required to submit scanned copies of official or unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended. Upon admission, final official or notarized copies of transcripts from all institutions where degrees were earned and diplomas from international institutions must be submitted. They are also required to submit a copy of a valid Ohio principal's license.

Cost of tuition

Please refer to www.bgsu.edu/offices/bursar for the most recent information on tuition and fees.

Financial assistance

Domestic students enrolled in four (4) or more credit hours are eligible to apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to calculate student contribution and financial need. You may apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

How to apply

Visit the BGSU Graduate College website at www.bgsu.edu/graduate/admissions.

Admission is rolling but cohorts typically form in the fall.

Curriculum

The program consists of five courses (15 semester hours) offered in a blended online format: three face-to-face sessions serving as the first, mid-semester, and last classes; and 13 online sessions. Typically, the required coursework consists of:

Required Courses

- EDAS 7230 Personnel Administration in Education
- EDAS 7250 Board of Education & Superintendent Relations
- EDAS 7300 Leadership Practicum/Internship II (A 90 hour district-level internship)
- EDAS 7330 Seminar: Collective Bargaining
- EDAS 7360 Seminar: Educational Facilities Planning and Management

Ed.S. Degree Program

Students who have already completed a master's degree may instead choose to pursue admission into the post-master's Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in Educational Leadership to complete the above requirements. The Ed.S. Program is also offered in a blended on-line format and requires a minimum of 30 semester hours. For more information go to: bgsu.edu/edspecialist

Ed.D. Degree Program

Students who have already completed a master's degree may also want to consider applying to the Leadership Studies doctoral program to complete the superintendent licensure requirements. The Ed.D. program requires 60 semester hours and is designed for both full-time and part-time students. For more information regarding the Leadership Studies doctoral program please contact Dr. Chris Willis at wchris@bgsu.edu.