



As an **Educational Specialist**, you're prepared to step onto campus and understand ways to improve the landscape of education, directly impacting students and leading them to a more successful future.

The Educational Specialist program provides you with mentoring and helpful resources so you can have an impact on educational success. In the role of principal, administrator or director of a specific department, you will better understand how to analyze real-world situations and think critically to push an institution toward innovation through their school policies, programs and schedules. Raise the bar and improve the education performance of your organization. Education is the heart of our future generations – it's your time to truly make a difference in the lives of students.

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Differentiators



Contribute to Your Community

Use the knowledge gained from your studies to impact students and teachers alike.



Grow as a Manager

Learn the necessary skills to lead an educational institution, raising the standard for academic achievement.



We've got Your Back

Our community of over 5,000 alumni, students and faculty is at your service as your progress through the program. The School of Advanced Studies, dedicated to doctoral education originated in 1998, so there's a lot of history and resources at your disposal.



Help an Institution Succeed

Learn best practices, the ins and outs of curriculum instruction, managing departments and more to create long term success for a school.



Keep in Touch

The program offers access to experts and mentors across several disciplines, so you can get the support you need while earning your degree.



Resources Available to You

Your educational journey offers research centers, as well as experts in the industry to mentor you for the path ahead. Every resource can be found on one web page, too –all for your benefit.

Objectives

The Educational Specialist program (Ed.S.) will prepare learners to become transformational leaders who will strategically manage and lead complex educational organizations. Graduates will be educational practitioners who demonstrate analytical, critical, and innovative thinking to improve the performance of educational institutions. The Educational Specialist program degree is consistent with the University's mission to develop the knowledge and skills that will enable learners to achieve their professional goals, improve the productivity of their organizations, and provide leadership and service to their communities. The program is designed to emphasize leadership and to focus on a specialization in Curriculum and Instruction.

Requirements & Prerequisites

You will need **31** credits to complete this program, which may be earned from a combination of required and elected courses. However, required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

This online program requires brief residencies in select locations. This program is not available to residents of all states. Please contact a University Enrollment Representative for details.

Please note that while University of Phoenix, a regionally accredited university, offers doctoral programs in education, these programs are not designed to lead to educational licensure or certification.

Core Courses

Course #	Course Name		Credits	Duration
DOC700	Developing The Doctoral Identity (qualifying course)		1	5 weeks
CUR/712	Curriculum Theory		3	8 weeks
EDD/721	Planning and Leading Change		3	1 weeks
EDD/722	The Legal Context of Education		3	8 weeks
EDD/723	Ethics and Values in Learning Organizations		3	8 weeks
CUR/721	Curriculum Design		3	8 weeks
CUR/722	Instructional Models		3	8 weeks
EDD/731	The Economics of Education		3	8 weeks
EDD/733	Evaluation and Assessment Methods		3	8 weeks
CUR/731	Supervision of Curriculum and Instruction		3	8 weeks
EDS/799	Educational Specialist Capstone		3	1 week
MILESTONE	A capstone project must be satisfactorily completed in order for the student to earn the Educational Specialist degree.			



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Capstone

Make an Informed Choice

We believe that students and families should be prepared financially for college and understand gainful employment opportunities before starting any program. So we want to ensure you have the information you need to make an informed choice - information like what it will cost, the skills you'll learn through your chosen program, and the types of occupations the program prepares you for. For important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program:

To view the [Gainful Employment Disclosures](#), please [visit](#) our website.

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.