Special Education: School Supervision
Master of Education
College of Education

Program Description

The School Supervision Program is a cohort model that focuses on preparing students who want to become supervisors of special education. Students examine best practices literature regarding the professional knowledge, skills, and disposition required of leaders in education. They will inquire into major contemporary theories and practices of leadership for organizing educational communities, designing management processes and procedures, and forming collaborative relationships within the community.

This program is presented as a collaborative effort between the Department of Special Education and the Department of Secondary Education/Foundations of Education. Faculty are committed to implementing a professional model for the preparation of educational leaders that complies with current curriculum guidelines proposed by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

In order to be eligible for Pennsylvania certification in School Supervision, candidates must complete an approved program and have at least five years of teaching experience in special education. Students who have less than five years teaching experience may choose to enroll in the program but must wait to apply to the state for certification until this requirement is met.

Clearances

Clearances are due no later than one (1) week prior to deadline for course registration for each program's practicum/field experience. No student will be permitted to register for their program's practicum and take part in practicum/field experiences without clearances on file at SRU. Students are to send the following by the due date:

- Clear Act 34 Criminal History Record NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission.
- Clear Act 114 FBI Record Check NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission.
- Clear Act 151 Child Abuse Background Check NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission.
- Act 24 Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Students must file an updated Act 24 with SRU if any additional arrests/convictions occur while enrolled at SRU.

Program Highlights

Our program offers:

- 100% Online Courses
- Current classroom teachers and specialists an opportunity to earn a Special Education Supervision Certificate and an M.Ed. in one calendar year.
- A practicum that can be done at the student's workplace without the need for a sabbatical or leave of absence.
- A curriculum aligned with the ELCC Standards and focused on various aspects of educational leadership
- An opportunity to earn a significant salary as a school administrator.

Admissions Requirements

All applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed application form and non-refundable application fee:

1. A final official transcript sent directly from the institution that conferred the applicant’s undergraduate degree as well as official transcripts from any other undergraduate or graduate coursework completed.
2. A copy of your teaching certificate, a Pennsylvania certificate is not required.
3. Resume
4. Recommendation forms: one academic reference from a former or current college or university faculty member with knowledge of the applicant's academic abilities and one professional reference from a school administrator, teacher, or supervisor with knowledge of the applicant’s professional attributes. Recommendations must be on the appropriate forms, which are available electronically at www.sru.edu/graduate, under “Forms”.

Unconditional admission may be offered to applicants who submit acceptable credentials as listed above, and who have earned an undergraduate QPA of 3.0 or higher (based on a 4.0 scale).

Applicants who do not meet all of the above criteria may be offered conditional admission upon recommendation of the graduate coordinator and approval by the Director of Graduate Admissions. Applicants should have their final official transcripts forwarded directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

Curriculum (36 Credits)

Foundations in Special Education (12 credits):
SPED 602: Advanced Studies in Exceptionalities
SPED 611: Special Education Law
SPED 613: Curriculum Development for Exceptionalities
SPED 620: Contemporary Issues in Special Education

Research (3 credit hours):
SPED 617: Current Research in Special Education

Courses in Special Education (12 credit hours):
SEFE 650: School Supervision: Strategic Leadership
SEFE 652: School Supervision: Organizational Leadership
SPED 750: Political and Community Leadership
SPED 752: Instructional Leadership

Practicum (3 credit hours):
SPED 754: Practicum

Electives (6 credit hours with advisor approval)
POST-MASTER'S SCHOOL SUPERVISION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ONLINE (15 CREDITS)

The Post-Master's School Supervision Program is designed for students who already have a master's degree in Special Education and want to become certified Special Education Supervisors. In order to be eligible for Pennsylvania certification in School Supervision, candidates must complete an approved program and have at least five years teaching experience in special education.

Courses in Special Education (12 credit hours):
- SEFE 650- School Supervision: Strategic Leadership
- SEFE 652- School Supervision: Organizational Leadership
- SPED 750- Political and Community Leadership
- SPED 752- Instructional Leadership

Practicum (3 credit hours):
- SPED 754- Practicum

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

All applicants for the M.Ed. and Post Master's Certificate programs must submit the following materials along with the completed application form and non-refundable application fee:

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TUITION & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

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