

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL SUPERVISION

MASTER OF EDUCATION & POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATION
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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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.

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



M.ED. SCHOOL SUPERVISION - 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 credits):

SPED 617: Current Research in Special Education

Courses in Special Education (12 credits):

SEFE 650: School Supervision: Strategic Leadership
SEFE 652: School Supervision: Organizational Leadership
SPED 750: Political and Community Leadership
SPED 752: Instructional Leadership

Practicum (3 credits):

SPED 754: Practicum

Electives (6 credits with advisor approval)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

Special Education: School Supervision, M.Ed.

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POST-MASTER'S SCHOOL SUPERVISION CERTIFICATION - CURRICULUM (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.

Special Education Courses (12 credits):

- SEFE 650: School Supervision: Strategic Leadership
- SEFE 652: School Supervision: Organizational Leadership
- SPED 750: Political and Community Leadership
- SPED 752: Instructional Leadership

Practicum (3 credits):

- SPED 754: Practicum

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 the program's practicum and take part in practicum/field experiences without clear 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 convictions occur while enrolled at SRU.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

Special Education: School Supervision, Post-Master's Certification:

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Official undergraduate transcripts from the applicant's baccalaureate granting institution and any graduate transcripts (if applicable)
2. Copy of teaching certification, a PA certificate is not required
3. Resume
4. Two electronic reference forms: One from a faculty member with knowledge of the applicant's academic abilities and one from a professional reference, i.e. school administrator, teacher, or supervisor with knowledge of the applicant's professional attributes or two from professional references. 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 GPA 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.

TUITION AND 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 at www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

PROGRAM AWARDS



FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

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