

# CERTIFICATES & ENDORSEMENTS

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The field of education is constantly evolving. Our certificate programs keep you ahead of the curve, allowing you to respond effectively to the needs of your students, colleagues, and communities. Not only do enhanced credentials help advance your career, they propel you as a change agent for equity, justice, and accessibility within and beyond the educational system.

## CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The Certificate in Curriculum and Pedagogy in Higher Education is designed for higher education instructors who want to improve their pedagogical practice as well as those with future plans to teach in institutions of higher education. The program is completely online, allowing students to complete their coursework from anywhere around the world.

## INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING

Teacher leaders are crucial for the success of the entire school. Often they are not given formal training. This certificate aims to empower teacher leaders to support and guide their colleagues to improve teaching and learning through instruction, curriculum, and using information and data. This certificate will also focus on effective methods of leading professional learning. This program will be offered online through a cohort model.

## LEADING INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

This certificate program aims to build both the knowledge and experiential base of Catholic school principals and teacher leaders to develop school-wide systems, structures, and practices to support all learners. For many Catholic school leaders, professional preparation in the areas of exceptionality, special education law and procedure, and interventions/accommodations has been limited. In order to increase the knowledge base in these areas, the Certificate in Leading Inclusive Catholic Schools has been created. This program will be offered online through a cohort model.

## MEASUREMENT & QUANTITATIVE METHODOLOGY

This program offers a curriculum for training students to have expertise in applying measurement and quantitative techniques in a research setting. You will be able to choose an emphasis of measurement or quantitative methods and will receive a certificate upon completion of the requirements to validate their skills and efforts.

## ORGANIZATIONAL EVALUATION

This certificate program prepares students for roles as evaluators and change agents in a range of organizations such as schools and school districts and non-profit agencies. This graduate-level certificate program is ideal for current students and professionals who are looking for career opportunities in or are currently employed in, school districts, social service organizations, private foundations, research firms, and human resources or training departments.

## SCHOOL DISCIPLINE REFORM

The School of Education offers the online School Discipline Reform Certificate for professionals committed to serving their students and their communities by understanding, shaping, and implementing prevention-oriented approaches to school discipline. This part-time program is designed to equip education professionals—superintendents, principals, other school and district-level administrators, school attorneys, discipline deans, school psychologists, school social workers, counselors, and other educators—with the tools and skills needed to lead comprehensive initiatives to reduce the use of suspensions and expulsions and their adverse impacts on vulnerable students.

## DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

This endorsement provides focused, in-depth online coursework. Candidates gain skills, perspectives, and knowledge for immediate application towards establishing systems of equity that service the needs of children with or without disabilities.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) AND BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENTS

It is imperative for all educators to have expertise to serve and support the growing number of students labeled as English learners, also referred to as emergent bilinguals. This program ensures all candidates acquire the skills necessary to teach and advocate for students who are ESL and/or bilingual.

## ISBE PRINCIPAL ENDORSEMENT

This endorsement ensures all candidates acquire the skills necessary to be effective, justice oriented, school principals. Through focused, in-depth coursework, candidates gain skills, perspectives, and knowledge for immediate application towards positively transforming schools, and improving student performance.

## READING TEACHER ENDORSEMENT

This program is for teachers who currently hold a bachelor's degree and a teaching license and would like to become a highly-qualified reading teacher. The program can be completed by enrolling in eight courses during four semesters, which qualifies for the Illinois State designation of a quality teacher of reading.

## ONLINE—SUPERINTENDENT ENDORSEMENT

This program prepares school district leaders to become well-equipped scholarly practitioners who remain steadfast stewards of the profession and meet the educational challenges of the 21st century.

**FACULTY** Faculty are experienced, recognized leaders in their fields who integrate research and practical experiences into the classroom. Faculty are research-active and passionate about teaching, placing high value on personal interaction with students.

**PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS** The Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), accredits the School of Education.  
Students who teach in a Catholic school may be eligible for Loyola's mission tuition discount. Other scholarships may be available.

**FINANCIAL AID** Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov).  
Learn more about the financial aid process at [LUC.edu/education/financialaid](https://LUC.edu/education/financialaid).

## LEARN MORE

APPLICATION INFORMATION  
AND DEADLINES

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