

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

The Special Education Director Endorsement program offers an interdisciplinary curriculum focused on providing in-depth training for future special education leaders. Students in the program can expect to develop their skills in:

- Developing/providing programming that increases success for students with disabilities.
- Aligning special education services, funding, and practices to benefit all students within their district, particularly students with special needs.
- Guiding professional development, coaching, and systemic change to improve academic, social, emotional, and behavioral success for students.

Credentialed IL teachers, support services personnel (i.e.: school psychologists, school social workers, speech pathologists, etc.), and administrators are eligible to apply for this program. Up to 18 hours of prior learning credit can be applied to this 30-credit-hour program.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Classes are all online.

- The degree offers part-time enrollment.
Average time to completion (part-time): 1 year

The program follows a cohort model that requires 12-15 students per cohort.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

A field-based placement will contribute to hands-on learning and skill building.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Students who complete this endorsement program will be well equipped for leadership positions within special education. Indications are that many school districts in the Chicago area will need to fill director of special education positions in the near future.

Candidates in all programs leading to Illinois licensure are required to pass the appropriate licensure exam and a State Criminal Background Check.

Career services are available at LUC.edu/career.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Loyola University Chicago's School of Education serves more than 1,000 graduate students enrolled in master's, educational specialist, licensure, and doctoral programs. The school prepares professionals in the service of social justice and promotes the Jesuit ideals of quality, intellectual rigor, and service to others.

The program is accredited by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), now the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), accredits the School of Education.

PREREQUISITES

To apply, you will need a master's degree as well as a professional educator license and two years of experience.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

Learn more about the financial aid process at LUC.edu/education/financialaid.

LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

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