

# SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION (098)

## Program Coordinator

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The Specialist in Education Degree in School Administration is an advanced professional degree involving a minimum of 36 semester hours of study beyond the master's degree. The degree is designed primarily for those planning to enter the school principalship or other administrative/supervisory positions.

## Concentration(s)

- Teacher Education (TCHR)

## Program Admission

1. A master's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.5 from graduate work at the master's degree level;
2. Minimum scores of 148 Verbal and 148 Quantitative on the GRE and an overall GAP score of 605 [GAP = (GRE-V + GRE-Q) + (Undergraduate GPA x 100)], a score in the 50th percentile or higher on the MAT, or a 646 Communication and 643 General Knowledge for the NTE;
3. A Graduate School admission application (online) along with a copy of current and valid teaching certificate;
4. Three recommendation letters from graduate faculty and/or professional associates; Educational Administration, Leadership, & Research application forms for programmatic admission; and
5. A departmental review.

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission>) of this catalog for Graduate School admission requirements.

## Program Requirements (36 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Course</b>		
EDAD 699	Independent Specialist Project	6
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 30 hours beyond the master's degree with advisor approval		30
Total Hours		36

1. A minimum of thirty-six (36) semester hours of graduate credit in a planned program beyond the master's degree;
2. A minimum of twelve (12) semester hours must be full-time residence credit;
3. A minimum of nine (9) semester hours of residence credit must be completed before admission to candidacy and a minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours of credit after admission to candidacy; and
4. Candidates may transfer a maximum of six (6) semester hours, approved by the student's advisory committee, from an institution with an accredited advanced graduate program in educational administration. At least twenty-one (21) semester hours must be in courses numbered 500 or above. Minimum full-time residence

requirements may be met through two semesters, or a semester and a summer, or two summers.

## Specialist Project

The specialist project is considered to be an integral part of the specialist program.

1. The student must enroll for six (6) hours of credit in EDAD 699.
2. The project shall be planned with reference to the student's field of specialization and professional goals.
3. The project may take the form of a field project, a creative study, or a more formal research study. Regardless of the form of the project, the study shall culminate in a written scholarly project.
4. This project must be approved by the student's graduate committee and by the Graduate School.
5. Candidates must follow the guidelines of the Educational Administration, Leadership and Research Department.
6. The project must conform to APA Style and university guidelines.
7. The time limit for the completion of all requirements for the specialist degree is six years from the date of first registration in the Specialist in Education Degree Program.
8. A student cannot be formally admitted to the Specialist in Education Degree program until all admission requirements are met.

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Helvetica was used instead of Arial.

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