Specialist in Education Degree with a Major in Advanced Studies in Leadership

Degree: Specialist in Education
Major: Advanced Studies in Leadership
Emphasis available: General School Administration, Special Education

General School Administration Emphasis
The Specialist in Education degree program in school administration is designed to prepare superintendents and other central office personnel. Candidates for the degree must hold a Master’s Degree in an educational related field in addition to the requirements for the Specialist Degree. The degree program is designed to permit a student to specialize in a specific comprehensive knowledge of administration at both elementary and secondary levels. This is accomplished through electives and individual study courses available in the program to meet individual needs.

Select 15 hours of General School Administration Core courses from:
- LDSP-901 Educational Systems Leadership I (3 hours)
- LDSP-902 Educational Systems Leadership II (3 hours)
- LDSP-903 Educational Systems Leadership III (3 hours)
- LDSP-997 Practicum Educational Systems Leadership I (3 hours)
- LDSP-998 Practicum: Educational Systems Leadership II (3 hours)

Select 12-15 hours of Research Core courses from:
- TCHL-824 Educational Statistics I (3 hours)
- TCHL-884 Educational Statistics II (3 hours)
- TCHL-910 Readings in Education (1-3 hours)
- TCHL-930 Seminar in Research Skills (3 hours)
and __ TCHL-990 Special Research Project (2-6 hours)
or __ TCHL-991 Research and Specialist Thesis (3-6 hours)

Select 9-12 hours of Leadership Core courses from:
- LDSP-801 Educational Leadership Policy and Practice (3 hours)
- LDSP-809 Legal Foundations of Public Education (3 hours)
- LDSP-854 Organizational Theory and Planning (3 hours)
- LDSP-859 Change Processes and Professional Development (3 hours)
- TCHL-870 Grant Writing and External Resources (3 hours)

Admissions Criteria and Process for Those Seeking District-Level Licensure
Only Students who wish only to take courses required for district-level licensure and not receive a degree must also meet the same admissions criteria detailed above if they wish for Pittsburg State University to recommend them for licensure to the appropriate state department of education. Students that are seeking the Kansas district level certificate will complete admission requirements and the 15 hours in the General School Administration Core.

Special Education Emphasis
The Specialist in Education degree program in Special Education is designed to prepare district level leaders. Candidates for the degree must hold a master’s degree in an educational related field in addition to the requirements for the specialist degree. This degree does not meet the Kansas district level licensure requirements for Superintendents and other Central office personnel.

Select 12 hours of Special Education Core courses from:
- SPED-812 Characteristics of Learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder (3 hours)
- SPED-814 Teaching Students with ASD: Strategies for School and Community (3 hours)
- SPED-821 Teaching Students with ASD: Strategies for Building Social Relationships (3 hours)
- SPED-822 Seminar in Special Education Law (3 hours)
- SPED-830 Teaching Students with ASD: Early Childhood (3 hours)
- SPED-831 Teaching Students with ASD: Family Engagement (3 hours)

Select 12 hours of Research Core courses from:
- TCHL-824 Educational Statistics I (3 hours)
- TCHL-884 Educational Statistics II (3 hours)
- TCHL-910 Readings in Education (1-3 hours)
- TCHL-930 Seminar in Research Skills (3 hours)
and __ TCHL-990 Special Research Project (2-6 hours)
or __ TCHL-991 Research and Specialist Thesis (3-6 hours)

Select 12 hours of Leadership Core courses from:
- LDSP-801 Educational Leadership Policy and Practice (3 hours)
- LDSP-854 Organizational Theory and Planning (3 hours)
- LDSP-855 Administration and Supervision of Special Education (3 hours)
- LDSP-859 Change Processes and Professional Development (3 hours)
- TCHL-870 Grant Writing and External Resources (3 hours)

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