**Superintendent Licensure**

**Objectives**

This is a post-master’s program. Although formal admission into the Educational Leadership program is not required, candidates must apply to the Graduate School as a non-degree seeking student before April 1. Candidates must also hold a master’s degree and principal endorsement as a prerequisite for taking courses within this option. The Superintendent Licensure Program provides the minimum academic requirements needed for a Superintendent Endorsement in Montana to those currently holding a Class III License with a K-12 Principal Endorsement.

**Program Flow**

Courses are offered in a blended format. The summer courses start with online instruction in May, face-to-face instruction later in June, and course completion in July.

Contact the Department of Education’s Graduate Program Office (see contact information below) before April 1, for assistance in completing the Graduate Application for a non-degree seeking student.

*Note, there will be no fee attached to the application, as students will not be associated with the MSU Graduate School. The application is merely for contact and previous schooling information.

Contact Dr. Tena Versland, Program Leader in Educational Leadership, to discuss the lineup of courses required for certification and individual circumstances.

Information about course offerings may be found on the Department of Education website: http://www.montana.edu/education/grad/edlead/edlead_supt.html

**Program of Study**

All candidates must complete courses in the following: Montana School Law; Montana School Finance; Montana Collective Bargaining and Employment Law. MSU Courses that satisfy those requirements are: EDLD 655; EDLD 650; EDLD 645

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*Candidates with 5 or more years experience as a principal and who have extensive central office experience may petition the faculty to waive the Field Experience requirement.

*Note: candidates who do not have a K-12 endorsement must also take EDLD 565 Instructional Leadership and 3 credits of EDLD 574 Field Experience in a setting that compliments their current principal endorsement. Those with a Secondary School Principal endorsement will perform Field Experience in an elementary school setting. Those with an Elementary School Principal endorsement will perform Field Experience in a secondary school setting.

**How to Apply**

Contact the Educational Leadership faculty to discuss requirements for licensure.

Complete the Graduate School application available online at the Graduate School website.

http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/admissions/apply.html

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