The program prepares district level leaders to create and lead the schools we need.
Why choose Texas State?

The Texas State University superintendent certification program prepares educators to serve as school district superintendents and in other central office leadership positions. The program offers courses taught by experienced superintendents, central office leaders and university faculty and provides an exceptional opportunity to build professional networks.

Recognized by the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) as a national model for creating equity-oriented leaders, the program is also aligned with state and national standards for superintendent leadership.

Course Work

The program consists of:

- 15 semester hours of graduate course work that may be completed in one year
- collaborative instruction by experienced university faculty and district administrators
- course content aligned with state and national standards for district level leadership
- a flexible schedule of monthly seminars combined with online learning
- a field-based internship during the fall and spring semesters
- preparation for the TExES examination, which students must pass for full certification
Department Mission

In today’s complicated and evolving educational environment, superintendents and central office leaders are challenged to develop high-quality school systems that create success for all students. In order to improve entire systems, administrators must understand how to work with their schools and communities. The Texas State University superintendent certification program prepares educators to succeed in the current educational environment and to lead the transformation of policy and practice to create the schools we need in every community.

Related Programs

» Principal Certification
» Ph.D. in School Improvement

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Faculty
All faculty members are experienced public school administrators. This practical background enables the professors to demonstrate to students the manner by which ideas, techniques and policy studies may be applied in a school setting. The faculty is actively engaged in professional organizations at state and national levels. They also serve as consultants to numerous school districts in personnel searches, facility studies, curriculum projects, staff development and professional organization accreditation studies.

Career Options
The Texas State superintendent certification program prepares educators to serve as school district superintendents or in other central office leadership positions such as:

» chief academic officer
» associate superintendent
» director of human resources
» director of operations
» director of professional learning
» director of student services
Important Deadlines*

Admissions
Fall: No admission
Spring: No admission
Summer: May 15

Applications will continue to be considered on a space-available basis after the deadline.

How to Apply
For information regarding admission requirements and submission instructions, please visit:
gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply

*International applicants can view specific deadlines and requirements at:
gradcollege.txstate.edu/international

For information on deadlines, admission requirements and funding, visit:
gradcollege.txstate.edu/programs/certification
Not only did the program provide valuable knowledge I needed to be a superintendent, it also provided me an opportunity to gain lifelong friendships. It was an excellent experience that still benefits me today.

– Dr. Kevin Brown, Superintendent of Alamo Heights Independent School District and President of the Texas Association of School Administrators