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## New Ed.S. degree offered for district leaders and current or aspiring superintendents

SALEM – COSA Leads and its educational partner, Concordia University Chicago, have expanded their licensure and degree offerings with a new specialist degree for Oregon educators interested in serving as district leaders or superintendents. The Ed.S. (Education Specialist) program is intended for candidates who already have a master's degree in Education and are seeking to advance their school and district leadership career.

The COSA-CUC Ed.S. degree helps qualify individuals for superintendent and central office administrator positions. Some states and districts require these candidates to have an Ed.S., and it is commonly regarded as a competitive advantage.

The program consists of 30 credit hours, including eight classes and two internship terms. The degree does *not* require a dissertation. Completion of the course work also qualifies the candidate for the Oregon Professional Administrator License. If candidates do not hold a Principal License (PreAL/IAL), additional coursework will be required. The Ed.S. program may fulfill the first 30 hours of an Ed.D. (61 hours) or a Ph.D. (67 hours) program, both of which are offered through the COSA Leads licensure and degree program.

COSA Leads is accepting candidate applications for the Ed.S. program now, with classes beginning summer term 2019. For more information, contact Krista Parent, COSA Director of Executive Leadership, at [krista@cosa.k12.or.us](mailto:krista@cosa.k12.or.us) or 541-954-4239.

COSA Leads is the degree and licensure department of the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators. Our mission is to develop and support school leaders. Our partner, Concordia University of Chicago, is CAEP-accredited and recognized as a national leader in educational training. Together, we are committed to delivering a program with the highest and most rigorous standards of admission and completion.

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## COSA/CUC Ed.S. Degree Program

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### **Q: What is the Ed.S?**

A: An **Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.)** is a post-master's degree program that is common in the education field. This program allows candidates to earn an Ed.S. degree at the same time as they complete the requirements for Oregon's Professional Administrator License.

### **Q: Why would I want an Ed.S.?**

Individuals seeking district coordinator and director jobs, as well as superintendent positions, obtain an Ed.S. degree to be competitive in the candidate selection process.

### **Q: Can I get financial aid? Can I transfer classes?**

A: Yes, the Ed.S. is a degree program that qualifies for financial aid. Candidates can transfer in up to five courses with approval; transfer courses must have been graded to qualify.

### **Q: How do I take classes?**

A: The program is largely online. The first class in Summer 2019 is taught face-to-face during a one-week academy, and the two internships are undertaken at the candidate's district.

### **Q: What courses do I need for the Ed.S. degree and Oregon's Professional Administrator license?**

A: You will need these 10 courses (30 semester hours). Asterisks identify classes required for Oregon's Professional Administrator licensure.

\*EDL 7112: Strategies of Ed Leadership – face-to-face course :

\*EDL 7120: Research Based Decision Making

\*EDL 7232: Oregon Finance

\*EDL 7242: Supervisory Theory and Practice

\*EDL 7252: Oregon Law

EDL 7260: School/District Improvement Using Data Analysis

EDL 7210: Policy Analysis

EDL 7301: Ethics and Equity

### **Internships are 16 weeks. (No credit transfer possible.)**

EDL 7897: Internship I Superintendent/District Leader as Change Agent

EDL 7898: Internship II Superintendent/District Leader as HR and Resource Manager

### **Q: What else do I need to know?**

A: This is an advanced degree – beyond a master's degree – but it does not require a dissertation. Students must already have a master's degree in education or a related field.

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