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**Seattle Pacific**  
UNIVERSITY

**School of Education**

Administrator Professional Certification Program  
*Service ~ Leadership ~ Competence ~ Character*

## **Administrator Pro Cert, Executive Leadership, Superintendent Certification, & Doctoral Degree programs:**

1. **Administrator Pro Cert program with optional Doctoral level credits**, sponsored by the Center for Professional Education at SPU:

a. **6 credits**, \$265/cr. = **\$1,590**

b. **One year** to complete

c. **Cohort** program (most seminar sessions held in local district or region)

d. Summer Orientation and Seminar Sessions will be scheduled across the year, plus on-line collaboration

e. Elective option to pay the doctoral rate of \$650/credit and have at least 3 of the 6 credits count as elective credits toward the Doctor of Education degree at SPU

<http://www.spu.edu/depts/soe/academics/profcert/index.asp>

2. **Executive Leadership/Superintendent Certification + option to obtain Professional Certification at no extra cost**, sponsored by the graduate school in the School of Education:

a. 24 credits, \$650/cr. = \$15,600

b. Fall Quarter start, two years in length, **earning Supt. Certification and Admin Pro Cert** upon successful completion

c. Cohort program - Sessions once a month at SPU, on Friday afternoon & evening and the following Saturday morning

d. Graduate level program

i. Enrollees will graduate with a WA State Superintendent Certification and be more competitive for central office positions in the future

e. This program can be linked 100% with the doctoral options available. All 24 credits will count as elective credits.

f. The focus of this program is around the ISLLC standards, reflective practice, with a major emphasis on executive leadership at the district level.

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3. **Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)**, sponsored by the graduate school in the School of Education

a. 90 total credits

b. Minimum three years in length; average is 4-5.

c. Four components in the doctorate:

i. Summer start for each Cohort – 28 credits; nine consecutive quarters; cohort classes meet on Saturdays, all day, every other Saturday each quarter (5 sessions per quarter)

ii. Electives – flexible schedule; 36 credits; combination of courses and independent study; Option: Can bring in either 3 or 24 credits from #1 or #2 above

iii. Foundations – two 3-credit courses for a total of 6 credits; can be completed on campus or online

iv. Dissertation – Independently completed under the direction of a faculty advisor; practitioner's study of topic, using original research and a review of published research; 20 credits

d. The Ed.D. can be completed independently of #1 and #2 as a stand-alone doctorate. It can also be completed in partnership with #1 and #2, with the student starting the doctorate simultaneously or upon completion of #1 or #2.

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4. **Ph. D. in Education:** This is another doctoral option, for K-12 educators whose career goal is to move from K-12 education into higher education faculty positions. <http://www.spu.edu/depts/soe/academics/phd.asp>