DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

Loyola University Chicago is now offering an online program that meets the current requirements for the endorsement of the Director of Special Education through the Illinois State Board of Education. The program expectations were created to ensure all candidates acquire the skills necessary to be administrators in special education and advocates for children with special needs.

Through focused, in-depth online coursework, candidates gain skills, perspectives, and knowledge for immediate application towards establishing systems of equity that service the needs of children with or without disabilities.

Students will also participate in a field experience component developed collaboratively with a cooperating Director of Special Education and the School of Education faculty. Students in this program will benefit from a cohort structure and an intensive coaching model. Our coaches have a breadth of experience as administrators and advocates for the needs of children with special needs.

Curriculum

The Director of Special Education Endorsement program provides 12 credit hours toward the 30 hours required by the Illinois School Board of Education (ISBE) for the endorsement. Applicants will complete 150 hours of field experience that are embedded in the program coursework. Students must complete the Director of Special Education (234) exam before being eligible for the endorsement from ISBE after completing coursework and field experience.

Learn more about this endorsement in the Director of Special Education Endorsement Program Handbook (https://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/education/pdfs/DOSE%20Program%20Handbook_FINAL8.2020.pdf)

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional-academic-standards-regulations/) under their school. Any additional University Policies supercede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

• Earn ISBE Director of Special Education Endorsement
• Fast career advancement
• Learn from the best transformative leaders in local schools & districts
• Gain immediately applicable skills
• Complete the program in just 1 year
• Work on your endorsement while working full-time
• Rolling admissions¹

¹ Please note that this program utilizes a cohort model. Twelve students will make a cohort and a cohort is capped at 15 students. Enrollment in the program is contingent upon meeting the cohort minimum. If the minimum is not filled, the program will not be enrolling for that year.