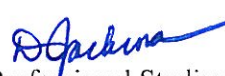




MEMORANDUM

TO: Council on Graduate Studies

FROM: Diane H. Jackman, Dean 
College of Education and Professional Studies

DATE: September 6, 2016

RE: Executive Action Items

The following request was received from the Department of Educational Leadership. I concur with the revisions and ask that the changes be made by executive action. The effective date should be Fall 2016.

Requested Change: to modify the language in the online Graduate Catalog to strike the reference to eligibility for Superintendent Endorsement.

Educational Leadership (Specialist)

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Specialist in Education Degree Mission: The mission of the Specialist in Education in Educational Administration is to provide more advanced and intensive graduate study of educational administration. Degree completion meets the course requirements necessary for Illinois Superintendent Endorsement. This endorsement is required for superintendents of school districts. Many courses are offered at night and weekends on-campus and at off-campus locations via the School of Continuing Education. Students should notify the department if they presently possess a Type 75 Illinois General Administrative Certification. A copy of the certification should be sent to the department chairperson.

Degree Audit: The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically in the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications of the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates" section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the program coordinator.

Degree Requirements

Degree requirements include those outlined for the specialist's degree by the Graduate School (see "[Requirements for the Specialist's Degree](#)"). In addition, the courses proposed in the candidate's program for the specialist's degree must total 64 semester hours beyond the baccalaureate degree. Ordinarily, in the first 30 to 33 semester hours, the student will complete the requirements for the master's degree although it is not required that the master's degree be completed within the first half of the total program. ~~The endorsement for certification as a school superintendent requires those courses required for the General Administrative endorsement plus the following courses and requirements:~~

Rationale for the changes:

In accordance with Illinois State Board of Education rules, we cannot reference candidates qualifying for the Superintendent Endorsement in our catalog until the program is reapproved by the ISBE.

cc: Dr. Karnes