

PhD Education, Special Education Leadership

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Alabama		Alabama does not appear to offer a Special Education Director license. This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.
Alaska	Special Education Administrator endorsement	<p>Alaska requires at least three years of employment as a certified special education teacher or school psychologist, with a teaching or special services certificate.</p> <p>Based on our research, Alaska will accept a state-approved special education administration program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
American Samoa	N/A	<p>Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in American Samoa. Learners who are interested in pursuing a American Samoa professional license should contact the relevant state board.</p> <p>American Samoa Department of Education, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799 (011) 684-633-5237 http://www.doe.as</p>
Arizona	N/A	The Arizona Department of Education does not issue a special education director or administrator certificate.
Arkansas	N/A	As of October 30, 2014 Capella is no longer accepting applications from Arkansas residents for Capella's PhD in Education with a specialization in Special Education Leadership.
California	N/A	California does not offer a Special Education director/administrator credential. Graduates are not eligible for the general Administrative Services credential.
Colorado	Special Education Director	<p>The Colorado Department of Education requires a Master's degree or higher approved preparation program for special education director.</p> <p>Applicants must have at least two years of special education teaching experience.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Connecticut	N/A	Connecticut does not appear to offer a separate certificate for Special Education Leadership.

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Delaware	Special Education Director	<p>Delaware accepts completion of a CAEP accredited, state-approved special education leadership program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Capella learners will need to have at least five years of special education teaching, administrative, or other qualified experience.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
District of Columbia	N/A	<p>The District of Columbia Office of State Superintendent of Education does not issue a special education director/administrator license. I will send you an email with additional licensing information</p>
Florida	N/A	<p>Florida does not appear to offer a Special Education Director license.</p>
Georgia	N/A	<p>Georgia does not offer a separate certificate for Special Education Leadership.</p>
Guam	N/A	<p>Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Guam. Learners who are interested in pursuing a Guam professional license should contact the relevant state board.</p> <p>Guam Department of Education P.O. Box DE, Agana, Guam 96932 (671) 475-0461 http://www.gdoe.net</p>
Hawaii	N/A	<p>Hawaii does not appear to offer a Special Education Director license.</p>
Idaho	Director of Special Education	<p>The Idaho State Department of Education requires a Master's degree with at least 45 quarter credits that is approved for special education director preparation by Idaho or another state.</p> <p>Applicants must have four years of licensed teaching experience in special education.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>

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Illinois	Director of Special Education endorsement	<p>The Illinois State Board of Education requires completion of a master's degree, or higher, in a state-approved special education director preparation program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Illinois requires coursework in specific content areas. The Illinois State Board of Education has reviewed and approved the following Capella courses to meet these required content areas. Capella learners will need to add the following courses to their academic plan.</p> <p>Illinois content area: Cross-categorical methods of the exceptional child Capella course: ED5707 Instruction for students with disabilities</p> <p>Illinois content area: Methods of reading and reading in the content area Capella course (choose one) ED551 Developing fluent readers ED552 Teaching comprehension strategies ED554 Sociocultural context of reading instruction</p> <p>Illinois content area: ESL/bilingual methods Capella course: ED5728 Methods, curriculum, and materials for English language learners</p> <p>Applicants must have two year's of full-time experience providing special education services.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Indiana	District Level Administrator: Director of Exceptional Needs	<p>The Indiana Department of Education requires a master's degree, or higher, in a state-approved special education preparation program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Iowa	Director of Special Education	<p>Based on our research, Iowa requires applicants to hold an administrative license, three years of administrative experience, and completion of at least a specialist degree in administration or special education.</p> <p>Capella graduates will first need to earn a license in Minnesota and then apply to Iowa through reciprocity.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>

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Kansas	N/A	The Kansas State Department of Education does not issue a special education director or administrator license.
Kentucky	N/A	This specialization has not been reviewed or approved by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB); KY residents are not eligible for certification, endorsement, rank change, licensure, renewal, etc. by the ESPB.
Louisiana	Special Education Supervisor	Louisiana does not appear to offer a Special Education Director license.
Maine	Administrator of Special Education	<p>The Maine Department of Education requires completion of a state-approved master's degree, or higher, in a special education leadership preparation program from a regionally accredited institution. Additionally, they accept CAEP accredited programs.</p> <p>Applicants for Administer of Special Education will need three years of satisfactory special education teaching experience in a special education program, or a minimum of three years of equivalent experience in providing supportive services to special education students.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Maryland	N/A	Based on our research, Capella's PhD in Education with a specialization in Special Education Leadership will not meet Maryland's current educational requirements for Supervisor of Special Education.
Massachusetts	Special Education Administrator	<p>The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires completion of a state-approved master's degree, or higher, special education administrator preparation program, that includes a 500 hour practicum, from a regionally accredited institution in a state with which Massachusetts has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement or accredited by an organization accepted by the Commissioner, such as the CAEP.</p> <p>Applicants will need three years of experience as a special education teacher, school guidance counselor, school principal/assistant school principal, school psychologist, school social worker/school adjustment counselor, or speech, language and hearing disorders teacher.</p> <p>Capella learners will need to add hours to their internship in order to meet the 500 hour requirement in Massachusetts.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>

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Michigan	Director of Special Education	<p>The Michigan Department of Education requires completion of a master's degree, or higher, in a state-approved special education leadership preparation program from a regionally accredited university that includes certain course requirements.</p> <p>Applicants must have special education teaching endorsement, full approval in at least one area of special education, school psychologist certification, or credential for other professional personnel.</p> <p>Applicants must also have three years of successful professional practice or administrative experience in special education, or a combination of practice and experience.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Minnesota	Director of Special Education	<p>The Minnesota Department of Education requires completion of an EdS or doctoral program. The program must be approved by the Minnesota Board of School Administrators.</p> <p>Of the 320 hours required at internship, the internship must include at least 40 hours at a special education administrative unit other than the primary experience of the applicant.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Mississippi	N/A	<p>Mississippi does not appear to have a Special Education Director license.</p>
Missouri	Special Education Administrator	<p>Based on our research, it appears that Missouri will accept completion of a state-approved program from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must possess or be eligible to possess a license to teach in an area of special education or student services.</p> <p>Missouri recommends that applicants first obtain a license from Minnesota.</p> <p>Applicants must have 2 years of teaching experience in special education or student services.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>

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Montana	Special Education Supervisor Endorsement	<p>The Montana Office of Public Instruction requires completion of CAEP accredited or Montana or other state-approved administrator preparation graduate degree program. Applicants must also hold master's degree in special education or related service area (i.e. school psychology, speech-language pathologist, etc.)</p> <p>Must have three years of licensed teaching experience in special education or five years experience as a licensed related services provider.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Nebraska	Special Education Supervisor Endorsement (Birth-grade 12)	<p>The Nebraska Department of Education requires completion of a graduate degree program in educational leadership that includes coursework related to special education administration.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Nevada	N/A	<p>The Nevada Department of Education does not issue a special education director or administrator license.</p>
New Hampshire	Special Education Administrator	<p>The New Hampshire Department of Education requires completion of a state-approved master's degree, or higher, in education or administration, or a related field, such as the field of learning disabilities from a regionally accredited institution that is in a state which is a member of the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.</p> <p>Applicants must have three years of progressively responsible experience under a license or certification in related special education area(s).</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
New Jersey	None	<p>New Jersey does not appear to offer a separate certificate for Special Education Leadership.</p>
New Mexico	N/A	<p>The New Mexico Public Education Department does not issue a special education director or administrator license.</p>
New York	N/A	<p>New York does not appear to offer a separate certificate for Special Education Leadership.</p>

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North Carolina	N/A	<p>The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction requires completion of a state-approved master's degree, or higher, in special education or administration, from a regionally accredited institution and 9 semester hours of specific special education administration coursework. Capella's PhD in Education, Special Education Administration degree includes the required coursework.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any principal or superintendent license.</p>
North Dakota	N/A	<p>The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction does not issue a special education director or administrator license.</p>
Northern Mariana Islands	N/A	<p>Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Northern Mariana Islands.</p>
Ohio	N/A	<p>Ohio does not appear to offer a separate license for Special Education Leadership.</p>
Oklahoma	N/A	<p>Oklahoma does not appear to offer a special education director license.</p>
Oregon	N/A	<p>The Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission does not issue a special education director or administrator license.</p>
Pennsylvania	Supervisor, Special Education	<p>The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires completion of an out-of-state approved program that is equivalent to Pennsylvania's standards for Supervisor, Special Education certification, from a regionally accredited university which is a member of the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate. I will send you an email with additional licensing information.</p>
Puerto Rico	N/A	<p>Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Puerto Rico.</p>

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Rhode Island	District Level Administrator Special Education	<p>The Rhode Island Department of Education requires completion of a master's degree, or higher, from a state-approved special education leadership preparation program from a regionally accredited institution.</p> <p>Applicants must hold certification as a building level administrator and have three years of professional education experience in teaching Special Education, as a speech and language pathologist, as a school social worker, or as a school psychologist.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
South Carolina	N/A	South Carolina does not appear to offer a special education director license.
South Dakota	Birth-21 Special Education Director	<p>The South Dakota Department of Education requires completion of a master's degree in education with specific coursework and internship designed to prepare for role as special education director.</p> <p>Applicants must have three years of verified special education classroom teaching experience.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Tennessee	N/A	Tennessee does not offer a special education director license.
Texas	N/A	Texas does not offer a separate license for special education leadership.
US Virgin Islands	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in US Virgin Islands.
Utah	N/A	The Utah State Office of Education does not issue a special education director or administrator license.
Vermont	Director of Special Education	<p>The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators requires completion of a state-approved master's degree, or higher, that includes an internship of 300 hours at two or more types of school settings from a regionally accredited institution that is in a state which is a member of the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.</p> <p>Applicants for the Director of Special Education will need to have three years of experience as a special educator, educational speech language pathologist, school psychologist, school counselor, or reading coordinator/specialist.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>

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Virginia	N/A	Virginia does not have a separate certificate for Special Education Leadership.
Washington	N/A	The State of Washington Professional Educator Standards Board does not issue a special education director or administrator license.
West Virginia	N/A	The West Virginia Department of Education does not issue a special education director or administrator license.
Wisconsin	Director of Special Education and Pupil Services	<p>Based on our research, it appears that Wisconsin will accept completion of a state-approved program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Wisconsin requires that applicants hold or be eligible to hold a Professional Educator License in teaching or pupil services.</p> <p>Applicants must have 3 years of experience, either classroom teaching experience or as a pupil services professional which includes 540 hours of classroom teaching experience.</p> <p>This program is not designed for and will not lead to any school building or district leader license or certificate.</p>
Wyoming	N/A	The Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board does not issue a special education director or administrator license.