Non-Degree Seeking (NDS)
School Superintendent Pathway: 0875
2026-2027

The Non-Degree Seeking: School Superintendent Pathway (www.ecok.edu/gradstudies) is delivered in an online format. This 16-hour pathway has an estimated residential tuition and fees cost of $6,600 (www.ecok.edu/bursar).

- ❖ **This is a Non-Degree Seeking Pathway which DOES NOT qualify for Financial Aid**

In order to complete this pathway option, a student must:

1. Have a valid Oklahoma teacher certification in Early Childhood, Elementary, Elementary/Secondary, Secondary, Vocational-Technical, Library Media Specialist, or Speech-Language Pathology.
2. Have a Master's Degree and certification as a school principal or meet alternative certification requirements for school principal certification.
3. Have two years of full-time teaching experience in public or private schools accredited under a valid state issued teacher credential.
4. Have two years administrative or supervisory experience in public or private schools accredited under a valid state issued teacher credential.
5. Have two years of relevant work experience in a supervisory or administrative capacity.
6. Have received a passing score on the subject area competency exam.
7. Submit a plan to the Director of Teacher Education at ECU for completing an alternative certification pathway within three years.

- ✓ **This certificate SHALL NOT exceed three (3) years and SHALL NOT be renewable.**
- ➢ ***This Pathway does not guarantee certification. Please refer to the certification laws of your state.***

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I.	Specialization: School Principal (16 Hours)			FA	SP	SU
_____	EDUC	5062	Superintendent Administration Practicum I	--	A	F
_____	EDUC	5072	Superintendent Administration Practicum II	B	B	--
_____	EDUC	5523	School Plan Management	A	--	F
_____	EDUC	5723	Advanced Legal Aspects of Education	--	A	F
_____	EDUC	5773	Politics & Governance of American Education	B	--	F
_____	EDUC	5793	The Superintendency	A	B	--

Legend

FA: Fall	**SP:** Spring	**SU:** Summer	**--:** Not Offered
A: 1st 8-Weeks (WEB)	**B:** 2nd 8-Weeks (WEB)	**F:** Full Sem (WEB)	**BL:** Blended
L: Live (Face-to-Face)	**T:** To Be Determined	**Y:** Synchronous Web	**E:** Offered Even Years
O: Offered Odd Years	**V:** Various Formats (Half-Day, Full-Day, Weekends, Nights, etc.)		

Course Offerings are subject to change, and are not necessarily in sequential order

II. Enrollment, Overload, and Full-Time Equivalents

Fall/Spring

- Academic full-time is nine (9) hours per 16-week semester
- Full financial aid requires nine (9) hours per 16-week semester
- Graduate Dean approval is required for thirteen (13) hours per 16-week semester

Summer

- Academic full-time is six (6) hours per 8-week semester
- Full financial aid requires nine (9) hours per 8-week summer semester
- Graduate Dean approval is required for eleven (11) hours per 8-week semester

III. Financial Aid Regulations for Graduate Students

Students, please be advised that the courses you choose to enroll in must be a required course or an elective course in your degree program. Graduate students seeking financial aid must be enrolled in at least nine (9) credit hours to receive full financial aid. Graduate students enrolled in fewer than nine (9) hours will have their financial aid prorated appropriately.

- Certificates and Non-Degree Pathways do not qualify for financial aid.
- For questions contact the Office of Financial Aid: 580-559-5243 or financialaid@ecok.edu.

IV. Graduation and Commencement

Students should apply for graduation just after they have enrolled for their last semester. This triggers a Degree Audit, which will inform the student of any course changes, course additions, or course substitutions required for graduation.

Commencement/Graduation is held twice a year (December and May):

- Completing Degree in Fall: Will Participate in December Ceremony
- Completing Degree in Spring: Will Participate in May Ceremony
- Completing Degree in Summer: Option to Participate in May or December Ceremony