Degree programs in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership are designed to meet the academic and professional interests of individuals preparing for careers as academic professionals, adult educators, college professors, corporate trainers, educational policy analysts, governmental administrators, instructional designers/technologists, non-profit representatives, organizational development specialists, and university administration leaders.

**Admission**
The Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership carefully considers all applicants for graduate study. Interested applicants should start at the College of Education Graduate Programs website ([http://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/](http://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/)). The quality of the applicant’s undergraduate and graduate training and grade point average are primary considerations. Other important factors evaluated include the three letters of recommendation and statement of purpose. International applicants must submit a TOEFL score.

**Off-Campus Programs**
The Ed.M., Ed.D., and C.A.S. degree options with Principal Endorsement are offered in the Chicago region. An Ed.D. degree cohort also is available with Superintendent Endorsement. Requirements for the off-campus Ed.M., C.A.S., and Ed.D. programs are identical to the on-campus degrees.

**Facilities and Resources**
The College of Education also has many resources to assist graduate students through their academic career. The Bureau of Educational Research works with students to secure research funding. The Council on Teacher Education ([http://cote.illinois.edu/](http://cote.illinois.edu/)) entitles candidates seeking a Professional Educator License and provides accreditation of professional education programs. Each student completing a degree program is assigned a graduate adviser, who is available to assist the student with planning the program of study and determining degree requirements, courses and timelines for degree completion.

Information on University resources can be found at the GradMAP pages website ([http://www.grad.illinois.edu/current-students/](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/current-students/)).

**Financial Aid**
Financial aid in the form of assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and tuition waivers can be found throughout the college ([https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/financial-aid/](https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/financial-aid/)) and campus. Campus opportunities can be found at the Graduate College ([http://www.grad.illinois.edu/funding-jobs/](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/funding-jobs/)) and the Office of Student Financial Aid ([http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/](http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/)). The College of Education follows all University of Illinois policies regarding graduate student Fellowship, Scholarship and Awards.

A list of programs and additional requirements can be found on the program's website ([https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/ programs/?department=epol](https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/?department=epol)), the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook ([https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/](https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/)), and the Graduate College Handbook ([http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/)). Students may select a concentration in:

- African American Studies ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/)), Bilingual-Bicultural Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)), Digital Learning ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)), Diversity & Equity in Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/diversity-equity-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/diversity-equity-education/)), Educational Administration & Leadership ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/educational-administration-leadership/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/educational-administration-leadership/)), Global Studies in Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/global-studies-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/global-studies-education/)), Higher Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/higher-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/higher-education/)), History of Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/history-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/history-education/)), Human Resource Development ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/human-resource-development/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/human-resource-development/)), Learning Design & Leadership ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/learning-design-leadership/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/learning-design-leadership/)), Philosophy of Education ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/philosophy-education/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/philosophy-education/)), Social Sciences & Education Policy ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/social-sciences-education-policy/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/social-sciences-education-policy/)), Writing Studies ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/)).

This degree program can be completed either on campus or online; the requirements are listed below:

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- Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, EdD (p. 1) (on campus, off-campus & online)
  - optional concentrations:
    - EPOL concentrations listed below
    - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)
    - Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)
    - African American Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/)
    - Writing Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/)
- Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, EdM (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-edm/) (on campus, off-campus & online)
  - optional concentrations:
    - EPOL concentrations listed below
    - Bilingual-Bicultural Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/bilingual-bicultural-education/)
    - Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)
- Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-ma/) (on campus)
  - optional concentrations:
    - EPOL concentrations listed below
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    - Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)
- Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/education-policy-organization-leadership-phd/) (on campus)
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    - EPOL concentrations listed below
    - Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/)
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- Cancer Education Management in Underrepresented and Diverse Communities, CERT (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/cancer-education-management-underrepresented-diverse-communities-cert/)
- International Education Administration & Leadership, CERT (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/international-education-administration-leadership-cert/)
- Learning Design and Leadership, CERT (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/epol/learning-design-leadership-cert/)

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- Diversity & Equity in Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/diversity-equity-education/)
- Educational Administration & Leadership (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/educational-administration-leadership/)
- Global Studies in Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/global-studies-education/)
- Higher Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/higher-education/)
- History of Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/history-education/)
- Human Resource Development (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/human-resource-development/)
- Learning Design & Leadership (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/learning-design-leadership/)
- Philosophy of Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/philosophy-education/)
- Social Sciences & Education Policy (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/social-sciences-education-policy/)

Minor

- College Teaching Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/minor/college-teaching/)

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