



Graduate EDUCATION PROGRAMS

YOUR FUTURE IS WELL WITHIN YOUR REACH

We provide teachers with a well-rounded curriculum so that you can enhance your knowledge of evidence-based practices and apply research to practice through intentional problem-solving. Whether your license is in early childhood, elementary, secondary, special education or PK-12 specialty areas, a master's degree will make you a more effective teacher—the kind others turn to for solutions.

MAXIMIZE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL

Elmhurst graduate education programs are powered by engaged faculty who are active scholars and subject matter experts. The faculty are integral in providing an experience that enables educators to acquire a versatile skill set, equipping them to evolve with their students. The endorsements and master's degree programs are tailored to working educators and emphasize leadership, research and collaboration, so that educators can learn from best practices and build professional connections.

EXPLORE OUR GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

- **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) & BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENT**
1 year
18 semester hours
100% online cohort model
- **M.ED. IN TEACHER LEADERSHIP**
2 years
35 semester hours
Hybrid cohort model
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT (LBS1)**
1 year
15 semester hours
Hybrid cohort model
- **M.S.ED. IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**
2 years
35 semester hours
Hybrid cohort model
- **TEACHER LEADER ENDORSEMENT**
1 year
18 semester hours
Hybrid cohort model
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION ESL LETTER OF APPROVAL**
1 year
9 semester hours
100% online synchronous cohort model



I chose Elmhurst because I knew I'd leave with more than a degree. Elmhurst prepared me to be a teacher leader, paving the way for all of the successes I have experienced in my career.

Dr. Rachael Mahmood, M.Ed. '08
Illinois Teacher of the Year 2024
Elmhurst Graduate Alumni of the Year 2025



Individuals in our graduate programs are committed to enhancing their impact on the educational field, whether through direct teaching, teacher leadership, or advocacy.

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TUITION AND FEES

\$540 per semester hour

\$300 student fee
 for Fall and Spring terms only

**tuition and fees subject to change*

PROGRAM FORMAT

Flexible hybrid and online courses

Cohort model

Fall, Spring or Summer Term Starts

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Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or foreign equivalent. Teachers must have a master's degree to complete the Teacher Leadership Endorsement Program.
- Professional Educator License (PEL) for the state of Illinois.
- Employed in a teaching position

To apply, please submit:

- An application for admission
- Official Transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions you have attended (Elmhurst alumni do not need to request their Elmhurst transcripts)
- A Copy of your Professional Educator License (PEL) for the state of Illinois
- A current resume including:
 - PEL with expiration and renewal dates, and endorsements
 - Undergraduate degree and graduate courses completed
 - A record of your current and past teaching positions
- To apply to the M.Ed. in Teacher Leadership, Teacher Leadership Endorsement or the M.S.Ed in Special Education, please also submit:
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - A 1,000-word Statement of Purpose describing your professional goals and how your graduate program will help you achieve those goals

Partner with Us

Our graduate education programs provide educators with advanced knowledge and support as they navigate challenging and changing teaching practices in their schools and classrooms. Elmhurst University wants to partner with your school district, providing a discounted rate for educators who enroll in one of our master's degree programs or endorsement programs.

Contact Dr. Amanda Passmore, Graduate Education Program Director, at amanda.passmore@elmhurst.edu if your district is interested in this partnership.



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