



Graduate EDUCATION PROGRAMS

YOUR FUTURE IS WELL WITHIN YOUR REACH

Elmhurst University provides teachers with a well-rounded curriculum so that they can enhance their 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's graduate education programs provide working educators with flexible, hands-on learning experiences designed to support individual career goals through small class sizes and personalized instruction. Led by highly qualified faculty who are active scholars and subject matter experts, the programs equip educators with versatile skills that evolve alongside the needs of their students and schools. With a strong emphasis on leadership, research, collaboration and evidence-based practices, students gain meaningful professional connections while preparing to make a lasting impact in their educational communities.

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



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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



PREFERRED APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall: August 15

Spring: January 15

Summer: May 15

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Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or foreign equivalent; must have a master's degree to complete the Teacher Leadership Endorsement Program
- Professional Educator License (PEL) for the state of Illinois
- Current employment in a school setting or regular access to a classroom environment

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 résumé including:
 - PEL with expiration and renewal dates and endorsements
 - Undergraduate degree and graduate courses completed
 - Record of 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 Graduate Education Program Director Dr. Amanda Passmore at amanda.passmore@elmhurst.edu if your district is interested in this partnership.



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