

Educational Specialist

The Ed.S. degree program is a post-master's degree program designed for experienced teachers, counselors, administrators, and others interested in school change and leadership.

Earning the Educational Specialist degree requires:

- The satisfactory completion of prescribed graduate courses in the 700 series for a total of 32 semester units;
- A written comprehensive examination over the field of specialization with a satisfactory score; and
- A positive recommendation by School of Education faculty.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

In addition to the requirements for admission to the Master of Arts degree (see above), applicants for admission to the Educational Specialist programs must present evidence of:

- A master's degree from an accredited institution and an academic background adequate for the specialized study required;
- A minimum of three years of successful full-time classroom teaching, administrative experience, pupil personnel experience, health, or library experience in the public schools or in private schools of equivalent standing; and
- A grade-point average of 3.000 on master's degree work.

TUITION COSTS (PER UNIT):

San Diego	Arcadia	Bakersfield
\$ 455	\$ 455	\$ 455

FINANCIAL AID

Financial assistance is intended to recognize and aid students who otherwise would be unable to attend Point Loma Nazarene University. The financial assistance program at PLNU includes a limited number of scholarships, grants, and loans. Awards are made for every two consecutive semesters, and PLNU releases funds in multiple disbursements. Awards may be renewed every two consecutive semesters provided students complete the required procedures and remain financially and academically eligible. An award letter is issued to students after they have submitted the appropriate paperwork to the University's Student Financial Services office. This paperwork includes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the PLNU Application for Financial Assistance for the academic year in which they wish to receive financial aid. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The PLNU Application for Financial Assistance can be obtained at www.ptloma.edu/financialaid, or in the Student Financial Services office at each location.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, all post-secondary institutions establish a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy. At Point Loma Nazarene University, all students receiving federal and state financial aid (including federal loans such as the federal Stafford, Perkins, or PLUS) are required to make satisfactory progress in order to maintain eligibility for financial aid programs. PLNU's SAP policy requires students to complete a minimum number of units (the quantitative requirement) and maintain a minimum grade-point average at the end of the academic year (the qualitative requirement). For more complete information on the University's SAP policies, students may contact the Student Financial Services office at each location.

Federal Family Educational Loan Program (FFELP)

The Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) enables students to borrow from eligible lenders at a low interest rate to help meet educational expenses at a participating college or university. Under the FFELP, the funds for a loan are borrowed from a private lender (a bank, credit union, or other lender that participates in the Program). Applicants must complete the