

Educational Leadership Specialist Program

The Education Specialist Program in Educational Leadership leads to a Specialist degree in Education (Ed.S) and a performance-based level 6 (PL-6) certification in the state of Georgia. The program includes a personalized set of field and academic experiences designed to assist students in developing a high level of knowledge and skills as school principals, curriculum directors, subject area supervisors, central school district administrators and supervisory staff members. The student may choose the building level or system level specialization. At the building level, students are not only prepared for basic managerial and instructional leadership responsibilities, they also have opportunities to specialize in a more narrowly defined area of instructional management. At the system level, students will be prepared for administrative or supervisory positions in the school district office. The program design facilitates this by uniquely configuring both academic and field experiences for each student to emphasize the student's desired specialization. Further, all courses in Educational Leadership will include performance-based activities which the student may complete at either the building or the system level based on his/her specializations.

The program is designed for persons who have earned a Masters degree and hold a leadership position/role in an education setting. A minimum of 30-36 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the Master degree is required to complete the program. Only those courses taken after admission to the Ed.S. program may be used to fulfill the requirement of the Ed.S. degree, which includes applicable transfer credits. Credit usable in the planned program must not be more than six years old at the time the degree is completed. A maximum of 6 semester credit hours of transfer credit from an approved institution offering the performance-based Ed.S. degree may be approved for inclusion in the planned Ed.S. Program.

For admission to the Educational Leadership Program, students must also complete all of the following:

- ⇒ Must have completed at least a Masters degree at an accredited or approved institution.
- ⇒ Must possess certification equivalent to the state of Georgia's Level 5 certification or higher (e.g. L-5, NL-5, SC-5, T-5, or any Level 6 or 7 certificate).
- ⇒ Must earn a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for graduate work completed.
- ⇒ Must provide three letters of reference, one from immediate supervisor
- ⇒ Must submit completed ASU Superintendent's Assurance Form.
- ⇒ Must have three years of professional education experience.

The Curriculum

Educational Administration and Supervision – Building Level Certification-PL-6 ***30 -36 Semester hours of coursework to complete***

EDAS 6701	Law and Ethics in Educational Leadership
EDAS 6702	Educational Leadership and School Improvement
EDAS 6785	Improvement of Instruction
EDAS 6681	Recent Trends in Supervision
EDAS 6685	School and Community Relations
EDAS 6670	School Finance
EDAS 6711	Software Systems in Educational Administration
EDAS 6733	Educational Policy
EDAS 6719	Residency I for Building Level Administrators
EDAS 6769	Residency II for Building Level Administrators
EDAS 6655	The Principal as Instructional Leader
EDUC 7701	Advanced Educational Research

Educational Administration and Supervision – District Level
30 Semester hours of coursework to complete

EDAS 6701	Law and Ethics in Educational Leadership
EDAS 6702	Educational Leadership and School Improvement
EDAS 6785	Improvement of Instruction
EDAS 6681	Recent Trends in Supervision
EDAS 6685	School and Community Relations
EDAS 6651	Educational Facilities Planning
EDAS 6670	School Finance
EDAS 6711	Software Systems in Educational Administration
EDAS 6733	Educational Policy
EDAS 6708	Residency I for District-level Administrators
EDAS 6770	Residency II for District-level Administrators
EDUC 7701	Advanced Educational Research
EDAS 6710	The Superintendent

More Information

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