

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Degree: Education Specialist
Division: Graduate Education
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College: Professional Studies

This program is designed primarily for professionals who hold positions of leadership in education or who aspire to provide educational leadership. The purpose of the program is to develop and enhance the functional capability of educational leaders. The research component is practitioner-oriented with emphasis on the utilization of research findings for decision making.

The degree is designed to meet the educational needs of regional place-bound, full-time employed professionals who will be selected from a wide range of educational backgrounds. These backgrounds include, but are not limited to, public school personnel, community college and university personnel, social and health related personnel, and military personnel. The Ed.S. Program will prepare professionals in the community to assume administrative and leadership positions.

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the Ed.S. in Educational Leadership must meet the requirements listed below.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this *Catalog*.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the minimum standards for admission to graduate studies. Additional requirements are the following:

- A. Master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- B. Meet two of the following:
 1. GRE score of 1000,
 2. Master's degree GPA of at least 3.25,
 3. GPA of at least 3.0 on the last 60 semester hours of the bachelor's degree.
- C. Letter of application to the program describing academic background and scholarly/research interest; educational objectives; and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references.
- D. In addition to the graduate admission application that is submitted to the Office of Admissions, students are required to submit an addendum to the COPS Graduate Office.

The completed application will be reviewed by the Graduate Program Admissions Committee. Upon admission, the student will be assigned an advisor.

FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES

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| EDF 6404 | Educational Statistics I | 3 |
| EDF 6481 | Educational Research | 3 |

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for an Ed.S. degree, a student must meet the following requirements:

- A. Be admitted to the program.
- B. Submit an approved degree plan which includes at least 36 semester hours.
- C. At least 9 semester hours of all course work in the educational leadership program must be at the 7000 level. The remainder will be at the 5000-6000 level except when specific waivers have been obtained.
- D. Complete degree requirements within seven years from the date of admission.
- E. Receive at least a B- or above in all course work.
- F. Be recommended for graduation by the division chairperson.

Professional Core (15 sh)

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| EDF 6475 | Qualitative Research I-Methods | 3 |
| EDF 7407 | Educational Statistics II: General Linear Model | 3 |
| EDF 7685 | Educational Foundations: A Philosophical & Multicultural Analysis | 3 |
| EDG 7346 | Advanced Analysis of Curriculum & Instruction | 3 |
| EME 6316C | Instructional Management and Technology | 3 |

Educational Leadership Option Courses (21 sh)

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| EDA 7217 | Effective Communication Techniques | 3 |
| EDA 7423 | School Reform: Research to Practice | 3 |
| EDA 7931 | Seminar with High Performing Educational Leaders | 3 |
| EDF 6464 | Applied Program Evaluation | 3 |
| EDG 7935 | Research Design Seminar | 3 |
| Electives (approved by program advisor and department chair) | | 6 |

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Healthcare Administration Option Courses (21 sh)

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| EDA 7423 | School Reform: Research to Practice | 3 |
| HSA 6106 | Critical Analysis of Health | 3 |
| HSC 5037 | Historical Foundations of Health Education | 3 |
| HSC 5135 | Health Guidance | 3 |
| HSC 6206 | Community Health Delivery Systems | 3 |
| PAD 6335 | Strategic Management for Public and Nonprofit Organizations | 3 |
| PAD 6425 | Conflict Management and Resolution in Public and Nonprofit Organizations | 3 |