

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, MASTER OF EDUCATION

Degree Program

The graduate program in Educational Leadership leads to a Master's Degree and Tier I Certification in Leadership. The M.Ed. planned degree program lists a minimum of 33 semester hours of coursework and clinical experience to be completed within six years from the date of enrollment. A maximum of nine semester hours may be earned as transfer credits. These credits must be indicated on the student's planned program during the first semester of enrollment as a graduate student admitted in full status. Students are expected to confer with their advisor each semester. They should complete and sign the planned program with their advisor. In advance of the expected date of graduation, the student is expected to apply for graduation with the Office of the Registrar, as well as certificate upgrade in the education office.

Both degree & certification only Tier I Leadership Programs prepare candidates for advanced leadership positions that include P-12 school level positions below the principal and district level positions that do not supervise principals.

ADVISEMENT

After the student has been admitted to the Master's Program, the departmental chairperson will appoint an advisor. The advisor will assist the student in developing an individualized program that meets degree and certification requirements.

PROGRAM COMPLETION

To be eligible for the Master's Degree and recommendation for leadership certification by Albany State University, the student must have met the following:

1. Fulfilling requirements after admission to the program. Transfer credits must be approved during first semester of enrollment.
2. Complete useable credits within six years of admission and completion.
3. A maximum of 9 semester hours of transfer credits from a Georgia Professional Standards Commission approved institution offering a Master's Degree may be approved for inclusion in the planned Master's Program. Such credits must be approved by the chair of the department.
4. Only credits with grades of "B" or better are accepted in the Master's Program.
5. The student's master's program must include a minimum of 33 hours of course work. This includes a minimum of 250 clock hours of clinical experiences, performed at elementary, middle and high school levels.
6. Except for a maximum of 9 semester hours of transfer work, all credits used in the Master's Program must be earned in residence at Albany State University.
7. Successful completion of the GA Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment Entry Exam (370).
8. Successful completion of the GA Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment Exit Exam (380).
9. Successful completion of the GACE Educational Leadership Content Assessment (311).

Admission Requirements

The candidate must have:

1. 2.5 minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA).
2. 3.0 minimum cumulative graduate grade point average
3. Initial teaching certification. (Applicants without initial Georgia Certification must complete additional requirements).
4. Three letters of recommendations with one from immediate supervisor.
5. Three years of educational experience.
6. Evidence of successful completion of GACE Program Admission, usually satisfied with initial certificate. **(Applicant's not meeting this requirement will be admitted provisionally and required to satisfy the requirement during their first semester of enrollment)**
7. Evidence of the GA Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment Entry Examination (370). **(Applicants not meeting this requirement will be admitted provisionally and required to satisfy the requirement during their first semester of enrollment)**
8. Evidence of meeting special education requirement. **(Applicants not meeting this requirement will be admitted provisionally and required to satisfy the requirement during their first semester of enrollment).**

Code	Title	Semester Hours
LEAD 5505	Introduction to Leadership	3
LEAD 5525	School & Community Partnership	3
LEAD 5535	Ethical & Legal Aspects of Edu	3
EDUC 5500	Educational Statistics, Research, & Analysis	3
EDUC 5502	Action/Classroom Research	3
LEAD 5545	Instructional Leadership & School Improvement	3
SPED 5501	Exceptional Child	3
LEAD 5555	Preparing Culturally Responsive Educational Leaders	3
LEAD 5556	Organizational Management	3
LEAD 5566	Clinical Experience I	3
LEAD 5576	Clinical Experience II	3
EDUC 5199	Orientation to Adv Prof Educ	0
Total Semester Hours		33

TIER I MASTER'S CERTIFICATION ONLY 18 semester hrs.

(Certificate can only be added to an existing master's, six or seven year certificate)

Admission Requirements same as required for admission to the 33 semester hour degree program

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LEAD 5505	Introduction to Leadership	3
LEAD 5566	Clinical Experience I	3
LEAD 5555	Preparing Culturally Responsive Educational Leaders	3
LEAD 5576	Clinical Experience II	3
LEAD 5535	Ethical & Legal Aspects of Edu	3
LEAD 5556	Organizational Management	3

EDUC 5199	Orientation to Adv Prof Educ	0
Total Semester Hours		18