

Which Leadership Program *is right for me?*

	Educational Leadership	Teacher Leadership	Curriculum and Instruction
Program(s)	Master of Education (Tier One), Specialist in Education (Tier Two), Non-Degree Certification Only (Tier One, Tier Two), and Doctor of Philosophy*	Specialist in Education	Doctor of Philosophy*
Prior Certification/ Experience Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Education: Level 4 certification or higher • Specialist in Education: Level 5 certification or higher • Tier One Certification Only: Level 5 certification or higher • Tier Two Certification Only: Level 6 certification or higher • Doctoral: Level 6 leadership certification <p><i>See reverse for more information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 5 certification or higher in any field • At least three years of certified teaching experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution • Three years of certified teaching experience preferred
Career Goals	Enter into or advance within an educational leadership and administration role at the building or district level	Enter a leadership or mentor role without fully moving into an administration position	Pursue roles at the building, district, or state level that require a terminal degree with an emphasis on curriculum and instruction assessment and development
Program Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Education, Specialist in Education, and Certification Only: Eight-week courses with four evening classes at our Atlanta, Macon, and Henry County locations† and four field-based clinical practice sessions • Doctoral: Eight-week or 16-week online courses with three Saturdays on our Atlanta campus <p><i>See reverse for more information.</i></p>	Eight-week or 16-week online courses with three Saturdays on our Atlanta campus across the entire program	Eight-week or 16-week online courses with three Saturdays on our Atlanta campus per semester
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 5 or Level 6 Educational Leadership certification added to certificate • Eligibility for leadership positions requiring educational leadership certification <p><i>See reverse for more information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 6 Service certification in Teacher Leadership added to certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 7 Service certification upgrade or added to certificate • Pathway to add leadership certification after Ph.D. completion

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†Minimum program enrollment required for each location.



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Program	Master of Education in Educational Leadership (P-12) - Tier One	Non-Degree Certification Only in Educational Leadership - Tier One	Education Specialist in Educational Leadership - Tier Two	Non-Degree Certification Only in Educational Leadership - Tier Two	Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership*
Prior Certification/ Experience Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 4 certification or higher in a teaching or service field Three years of certified experience in the school systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 5 certification or higher in a field other than Educational Leadership Three years of certified experience in the school systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 5 certification or higher Completion of approved Tier One program Employment in a leadership position as defined by the school system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 5 Educational Leadership certification and Level 6 certification in a field other than Educational Leadership Completion of approved Tier One program Employment in a leadership position as defined by the school system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 6 leadership certification to be eligible for leadership certification upgrade
Degree Required	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Master's degree or higher	Specialist degree or higher	Master's degree
Program Requirements	10 courses consisting of 30 credits with 250 clock hours of supervised clinical practice	2-10 courses consisting of 6-30 credits (based on transcript review) with 250 clock hours of supervised clinical practice	11 courses consisting of 33 credits with 750 clock hours of supervised clinical practice	2-11 courses consisting of 6-33 credits (based on transcript review) with 750 clock hours of supervised clinical practice	21 courses consisting of 63 credits with 50 clock hours of supervised clinical practice
Program Structure	Eight-week courses with four on-campus, evening classes and four field-based clinical practice sessions	Eight-week courses with four on-campus, evening classes and four field-based clinical practice sessions	Eight-week courses with four on-campus, evening classes and four field-based clinical practice sessions	Eight-week courses with four on-campus, evening classes and four field-based clinical practice sessions	Eight-week or 16-week online courses with three Saturdays on campus per semester
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 5 Educational Leadership certification added to certificate Eligibility for leadership positions up to Assistant Principal or other building or district level positions that do not supervise other leaders yet require a leadership certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 5 Educational Leadership certification added to certificate Eligibility for leadership positions up to Assistant Principal or other building or district level positions that do not supervise other leaders yet require a leadership certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 6 Educational Leadership certification upgrade to certificate Eligibility for all leadership positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 6 Educational Leadership certification upgrade to certificate Eligibility for all leadership positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 7 Educational Leadership certification upgrade for those holding a Tier Two certification

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