MASTER'S DEGREE/ADD-ON PROGRAM IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

LEARNING TO LEAD:
Beginning Leadership Practice

Georgia State University’s M.Ed./Add-on program is designed around a set of academic and site-based experiences that provide knowledge and skills for candidates seeking a stronger understanding of the dynamics of educational leadership. This self-select program leads to Tier I leadership certification in Georgia and couples traditional, online, and hybrid classes with a minimum of 300 hours of site-based experience. This design gives students a comprehensive understanding of beginning leadership concepts and activities. Students develop the dispositions required to lead school and district improvement efforts by engaging in an innovative program that focuses on linking theory, research, and practice in order to positively impact student achievement.

ALIGNMENT TO LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

Courses in the M.Ed./Add-on Program not only serve as prerequisites for the performance-based specialist in educational leadership, but are also aligned with the following leadership standards:

2015 Georgia Leadership Standards

Georgia Leader Keys Effectiveness System (LKES) Standards

GSU Standard for Equity and Cultural Responsiveness: An educational leader promotes the academic success and personal well-being of every student, ensuring the development of an equitable and culturally responsible school.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**M.Ed.**
- GRE score five years old or younger (target score of 151)
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.50 or higher
- Two letters of recommendation (one must be from a school administrator)
- Two official copies of transcripts from every higher education institution attended
- Three years successful teaching, administrative or related experience

**Add-on**
- Master's, specialist or doctoral level degree AND Georgia certification
- Minimum graduate GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Two letters of recommendation (one must be from a school administrator)
- Two official copies of transcripts from every higher education institution attended

**Supplemental Materials**
Goals statement and resume

For additional information, visit http://education.gsu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/

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SAMPLE PROGRAM OF STUDY

**Year 1**

*Summer*
- EPEL 8970 Seminar in Educational Leadership (3)
- EPEL 7330 Law, Policy, and Governance (3)

*Fall*
- EPEL 7020 Leadership in a Diverse Society (3)
- EPEL 7680B Practicum Seminar: Action Research for School Leaders (3)

*Spring*
- EPEL 7000 Educational Leadership and Organizational Culture (3)
- EPEL 7410 Instructional Leadership (3)

**Year 2**

*Summer*
- EPEL 7680A Practicum Seminar: Data Analysis and School Improvement (3) EPSF 7450 Curriculum Foundations for Educational Leaders (3)

*Fall*
- EPSF Professional Studies (3)
- EPEL 7500 Management and School Operations (3)

*Spring*
- EPSF Professional Studies (3)
- EPY Professional Studies (3)

*Add-on Courses*

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HOW TO APPLY

Application deadlines are as follows:
- **Summer**: April 15
- **Fall**: July 1
- **Spring**: October 15

Complete at online application at http://bit.ly/GSUTier1

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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