EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (EDS)

Program Overview

The Educational Leadership Ed.S. Program is designed to prepare system-level leaders who can effectively address district-level educational issues by appropriately applying theory and research-based practices. Program candidates will build knowledge about the functions of high achieving school districts in areas such as curriculum, instruction, management, personnel, finance, school law, and public relations, as well as how the interaction of these areas at the district-level ultimately contributes to student achievement. It is expected that candidates who successfully complete the Tier II certification program will be committed to improving student achievement and occupy key leadership positions in school systems.

To be eligible for program admission, candidates must hold an earned Master's degree from an accredited institution and must be employed in a leadership position in their school or district at the time of program admission. Additionally, candidates must obtain recommendation from their district superintendent, and must already hold Tier I leadership certification. Please visit the CSU Admissions website for the most up-to-date list of all program entry requirements.

Note:

1) The GACE Leadership Ethics Exam must be taken prior to enrollment in the Tier II certification program, if not previously passed.

2) All candidates must obtain a signed Mentor Agreement Form to be submitted as part of the admissions process. The candidate mentor must be an individual who holds certification in educational leadership and is employed in a supervisory capacity over the candidate at the time of application. The Mentor Agreement Form may be obtained from the CSU Admissions Office.

3) The Educational Leadership Tier II GACE Assessment must be passed in order to officially earn Tier II Certification.

Career Opportunities

The Columbus State University Educational Leadership program prepares leader candidates to become inquiring, reflective leaders at the district level and to develop system-level candidates with the knowledge and skills to become both the system instructional leaders as well as the system improvement facilitators.

Program curriculum provides a rich variety of coursework intended to enhance the candidate's leadership and curricular knowledge and expertise in system and school settings. The program focuses on improving student achievement including:

- Implementing Georgia's P12 curriculum and content standards in order to prepare students to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college and careers;
- Enhancing school management through effective strategic planning, instructional leadership, and management of resources;
- Developing professional learning communities;
- Instituting and sustaining community relations;
- Creating climates that portray a pervasive belief that students can academically succeed, and
- Modeling the use of technology as well as promoting, implementing, and supporting the use of technology to facilitate technology competencies in teachers and students.

Educational Leadership Tier II certification prepares you for a broad range of careers including:

*Principal

*Assistant Superintendent

*Superintendent

*Other leadership roles in education