

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (MED)

Program Overview

The Educational Leadership M.Ed. Program is designed for certified educators who wish to earn the credentials necessary to become a school- or district-level administrator. Upon completion of this program, candidates will be eligible to add Tier I Leadership Certification to their certificates, provided all GaPSC certification requirements are met (see Notes below). While in the Educational Leadership M.Ed. program, candidates are expected to be employed in a professional role in an organization that provides professional educational services (e.g. school, school district, regional educational service agency department of education). This program prepares candidates for P-12 school-level positions below that of principal (e.g. assistant or vice principal, etc.) and for district-level positions that do not supervise principals.

Notes:

- 1) The GACE Leadership Ethics Exam must be taken prior to enrollment in the Tier I certification program.
- 2) All candidates must obtain a signed Mentor Agreement Form to be submitted as part of the admissions process. The candidate's 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 or program coordinator.
- 3) The GACE Educational Leadership content exam must be passed in order to officially earn Tier I certification.

Career Opportunities

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

- *Assistant principal
- *Central office administrator (that doesn't supervise principals)
- *Other leadership roles in education

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Career Opportunities with Tier I

After obtaining an educational leadership degree, there are job options available - if the candidate is certified. Examples of these careers are assistant school principals and other leadership roles such as academic/instructional coaches or system level curriculum instructional coaches. Assistant principal and principal positions are on the rise and are expected to grow 25% before the end of the decade. Students obtaining the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership may be eligible for leadership positions in private or parochial schools which do not require certification. Some districts may require the candidate hold a Tier I certification to be an academic/instructional coach; it is best to check with the individual districts to determine their exact requirements for leadership positions.