

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (M.Ed.)

College of Education

Division of Graduate Studies

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This program prepares students for Educational Leadership Level I certification by the Florida Department of Education.

Admission Requirements

- A four year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution.
- Any one of the following: 1) a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 semester hours attempted accruing to the undergraduate degree; or 2) a combined score of 1000 or higher on the quantitative and verbal sections of the GRE exam; or 3) a 400 or higher on the MAT; or 4) a graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution. Note: All applicants must submit GPA and graduate admission (GRE or MAT) test scores regardless of which of the above criteria are met for admissions.
- Submission of three favorable recommendations from professionals in the field.
- Professional teaching certificate or eligibility for a Florida professional teaching certificate.

Degree Requirements

Required Courses in the Major (39 hrs)

EDA 6061	Principles of Educational Leadership (3)
EDA 6192	Organizational Development (3)
EDA 6232	School Law (3)
EDA 6242	School Finance (3)
EDA 6945	Internship in Educational Leadership (6)
EDF 6432	Foundations of Measurement (3)
EDG 6627	Foundations of Curriculum & Instruction (3)
EDG 6326	Learning, Accountability and Assessment (6)
EDG 6391	Instructional Leadership (3)
EDS 6050	Human Resources Development (3)
EME 6425	Technology for School Leaders (3)

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED 39 HRS

Additional Graduation Requirements

- Students must satisfactorily complete the minimum number of credit hours specified by the graduate degree program.
- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher in all work attempted.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all coursework in program.
- Students must pass all portions of the Florida Educational Leadership Examination.
- Final program completion is assessed through portfolio assessment.

Transfer Notes

The College of Education limits the transfer of coursework

into its graduate programs to a maximum of 12 credits or three courses. To be considered, courses must have been completed with a minimum grade of B and no more than seven years prior to the date of entry into the graduate program and no more than ten years prior to graduation from the graduate program.

Modified Program Leading to Educational Leadership Certification (no degree is conferred by FGCU)

Students who already have a master's degree may elect to take a modified program for Educational Leadership certification. This program does not lead to a master's degree. Beginning July 1, 2008, the State of Florida Department of Education requirements have changed for the preparation of school leaders in university Educational Leadership programs. The Modified Program in Educational Leadership is for students who have a Master's degree in another field and wish to qualify for certification in Educational Leadership that is granted by the state. The state requires a program that meets the new state standards for Educational Leadership. The only required course will be EDA 6945 Internship in Educational Leadership (6 credit hours). The remaining credit hours in a student's program will be individualized based on previous student coursework. These hours will be selected from those courses required in the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership that will provide the student with the required state competencies. This program must be approved by the student's advisor. Program completion also requires a final portfolio assessment based on the state standards in Educational Leadership and a passing grade on all portions of the Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE).