Tier II Educational Specialist Degree and Add-On Certification Programs in EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Tier II Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) and Tier II Add-on in Educational Leadership at Georgia State University prepares graduates to be effective school and/or system leaders who positively impact student achievement.

Throughout the program, students work on meaningful projects designed to help them develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions that are required to lead school and district improvement efforts. In addition, Georgia State collaborates closely with its partner districts to help assure that students are being properly prepared to successfully address the school and district needs.

The Tier II Educational Specialist and the Tier II Add-on Programs prepare candidates for advanced leadership positions at building or systems level in accordance with Tier II criteria.

How to Apply:

Cohorts are admitted during the Fall and Summer semesters. Applicants must hold Tier I certification and be employed in P-12 leadership positions to be eligible for this program.

Application Deadlines:

- April 15 – Summer Semester
- July 1 – Fall Semester

Additional information about application requirements for the Tier II Specialist (Ed.S.) and the Tier II Add-on can be found at: [http://education.gsu.edu/admissions/application-requirements-deadlines](http://education.gsu.edu/admissions/application-requirements-deadlines).

Contact Information

For more information about the Tier II Ed.S. Degree / Tier II Add-on program, e-mail the Educational Leadership Unit at gsuedlead@gsu.edu.
Ed.S. Admission Requirements and Sample Course of Study

The Ed.S. is open to applicants who hold a master's degree and Tier I Leadership certification.

Entrance Test
GRE or MAT score five-years-old or younger

Graduate GPA
3.25 or higher

Official Transcripts
Two official copies of transcripts from every institution attended

Recommendation Letters
Two recommendations (One must be from an immediate supervisor)

Supplemental Materials
Goals statement and resume

Additional Requirements
Applicant must be employed in a leadership position as defined by the school system in a partnering school system.

Year 1
Summer
EPEL 8970 Seminar in Educational Leadership (3)
EPEL 8000 Research in Educational Leadership and Organizational Structure (3)
EPEL 8690 Research Based Decision Making for Leaders (3)

Fall
EPEL 8970 Seminar in Educational Leadership (3)
EPEL 8420 Advanced Instructional Leadership (3)

Spring
EPEL 8970 Seminar in Educational Leadership (3)
EPY Psychology Core Requirement (3)

Year 2
Summer
EPSF 8440 Curriculum Design and Analysis (3)
EPEL 8650 The Principal (3)
EPEL 8020 Leadership for Change in a Diverse Society (3)

Add-On Admission Requirements and Sample Course of Study

The Tier II add-on is open to applicants who hold a specialist or doctorate degree and Tier I Leadership certification.

Graduate GPA
3.25 or higher

Official Transcripts
Two official copies of transcripts from every institution attended

Recommendation Letters
Two recommendations (One must be from an immediate supervisor)

Supplemental Materials
Goals statement and resume

Additional Requirements
Applicant must be employed in a leadership position as defined by the school system in a partnering school system. Applicant must have earned a specialist or doctorate degree and hold level 6 or 7 Georgia certification in order to be eligible for the add-on certificate.

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Summer
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Fall
EPEL 8970 Seminar in Educational Leadership (3)
EPEL 8420 Advanced Instructional Leadership (3)

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