LEARNING TO LEAD:
Beginning Leadership Practice

- Georgia State University’s M.Ed. degree/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 program is aligned with both the 2015 Georgia Leadership Standards, the Georgia Leader Keys Effectiveness System (LKES) Standards, as well as to Georgia State University’s Standard for Equity and Cultural Responsiveness.
- The self-select program 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.

Build Your Career

The M.Ed./Add-on program at Georgia State University leads to Tier I leadership certification in Georgia and prepares participants for multiple leadership roles within the field. Jobs for which successful candidates are eligible include:

- Assistant Principal
- Administrative Assistant
- District Administrator
- Instructional Coach
- Program Coordinator

Candidates who complete the program are eligible for P-12 building-level positions that require leadership certification below the level of principal or leadership positions at the district level, provided the holder does not supervise principals.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**M.Ed. Degree**
- 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
- Current placement in the P-12 setting
- Selection of a mentor who holds leadership certification in Georgia

**Tier I Add-on**
- Master’s, specialist or doctoral level degree AND T5 or S5 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
- Three years successful teaching, administrative, or related experience
- Current placement in the P-12 setting
- Selection of a mentor who holds leadership certification in Georgia

**Supplemental Materials**
Goals statement and resume

**HOW TO APPLY**

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

Complete an online application at:
http://education.gsu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions

**CONTACT INFORMATION**
For more information about the M.Ed. degree or Tier I Add-on program, E-mail the Educational Leadership Unit at gsuedlead@gsu.edu

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

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

*Add-on Courses*

Note:
The M.Ed. can be completed in 4-6 semesters
The Add-on can be completed in 3 semesters

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