

# EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION (M.ED.)

## Degree Requirements

The department offers the M.Ed in Educational Administration for higher education administrators and the M.Ed in Educational Administration leading to Alabama Class "A" certification in Instructional Leadership. Instructional Leadership courses empower students for advancement in educational service. Leadership programs emphasize growth from the knowledge base through simulations to practical application and career mobility.

## Special Admission Requirements for Instructional Leadership Certification

Applications for Master's programs in Instructional Leadership are reviewed for admission to the fall, spring and summer semesters. Readmission to some programs in Education (i.e. Educational Administration, Doctoral Program, and some AA/Ed.S. Programs) require review by program faculty. Deadline for receipt of all application materials is November 1, April 1 and July 1.

In addition to the requirements listed in the College section of the bulletin, program specific requirements for admission to Instructional Leadership include:

1. Documents required to submit with the application can be found at <https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/lte/edlead-med-k12.html>.
2. Successful completion of a structured interview with a panel of Educational Leadership professors and a current K-12 practicing administrator.
3. Special admission requirements apply only to the Instructional Leadership certification and not to the Higher Administration Master's degree.

Admission decisions involve evaluation of the applicant's grade-point average, scores on the GRE and MAT (Master's only), all submitted documents, and structured interview. Program enrollment and availability will also be considered. The application, transcripts, test scores, and complete admissions portfolio must be received by November 1, April 1 and July 1:

The Office of Admissions  
2500 Meisler Hall, University of South Alabama  
Mobile, AL, 36688-0002

## Educational Administration for Higher Education Administrators Master of Education Degree

Program requirements include:

1. Completing a minimum of 30 semester hours as outlined below.
2. Passing a comprehensive examination.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Supporting Courses in Other Areas</b>		
EDM 510	Microcomputing Systems in Ed	3
IDE 510	Educ Research and Evaluation	3
Select one of the following:		3

EPY 502	Psy Prin Learning	
EPY 521	Human Dev and Behavior	
EDF 515	Multicultural Education	
500-599 Advisor Approved Elective		
<b>Educational Leadership Courses</b>		
(3.0 Minimum GPA)		
EDL 512	Community Development	3
EDL 550	Prin of School Lead	3
EDL 561	Dev of Postsecondary Education	3
EDL 562	Student in Higher Education	3
EDL 575	Org and Plan Postsec Educ	3
EDL 578	Law and Postsecondary Educ	3
<b>Internship</b>		
EDL 595	Internship	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

## Class A Certificate in Instructional Leadership and Master of Education Degree

Students entering this program must have a bachelor's degree and Alabama Class B Certification in a teaching field. Program requirements include:

1. Completing a minimum of 30 semester hours as outlined below with at least a 3.25 grade-point average, including a grade of "B" or above in all courses with EDL prefix,
2. Passing the electronic portfolio assessment, and completing a School-based Residency focused on authentic assessments of performance on state standards.
3. Successful completion of ALSDE approved certification assessment (Praxis 5412 score 146 and above).

The Class A Certificate is valid for 5 years and is renewable.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>I. Instructional Leadership Core</b>		
EDL 501	Theories Instructnl Leadership	3
EDL 502	Data-Driven Instrucnl Leadrshp	3
EDL 503	Supervision & Prof Development	3
EDL 504	Ethical & Legal Dimens Sch Ldr	3
EDL 505	Bus Mgmt of Lrng Organizations	3
EDL 506	Teaching and Learning Leaders	3
<b>II. Residency</b>		
EDL 598	Residency -	6
Students must have a passing score on the appropriate Praxis II exam prior to a recommendation for certification.		
<b>III. Diversity/Special Education</b>		
Select one of the following: see footnote table below (p. 2) <sup>1</sup>		3
SPE 500	Nat-Needs of Exc Chld and Yth	
EDU 567	Multicultural Exp in Schools	
EDF 515	Multicultural Education	
<b>Research</b>		
IDE 510	Educ Research and Evaluation	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

**Footnote**

<sup>1</sup> If a survey course in special education was previously taken at the undergraduate or graduate level, EDU 567 is required in lieu of SPE 500.

**Instructional Leadership Add-on**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
EDL 501	Theories Instructnl Leadership	3
EDL 502	Data-Driven Instrucnl Leadrshp	3
EDL 503	Supervision & Prof Development	3
EDL 504	Ethical & Legal Dimens Sch Ldr	3
EDL 505	Bus Mgmt of Lrng Organizations	3
EDL 598	Residency -	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

- The option is referred to as the "Reduced Hour Option" and includes completing the 18-hour program and passing the appropriate Praxis Exam. It is available only for those already holding a master's degree and a valid Alabama "A" Certificate in another area.
- A survey of special education course is required if not previously completed. If a survey of special education course was previously completed, then an ALSDE-approved diversity course is required. If an ALSDE-approved diversity course was previously completed to meet requirements for Class A certification, then an additional diversity course is NOT required for an additional Class A certification. Requirement may be waived if a survey of special education course and an ALSDE-approved diversity course were previously completed. Contact your advisor, the certification officer, or the Office of Student Services to verify eligibility.