

**Valdosta State University
Specialist Degree (Ed.S)
Performance-Based
Clear Renewable PL-6 (30 Hours)
___ Building ___ System**

Name (Last, First) _____ VSU ID # _____
 Advisor's Name _____ Entry Date _____
 Phone (H) _____ Phone (W) _____
 E-Mail _____ LiveText ID _____

Course Number and Title	Grade	Credit Hours	Sem/Yr Taken	Advisor Notes
Area A: Core--9 hrs				
LEAD 8140 Leadership for Creating an Effective Learning Environment		3		
LEAD 8030 School Culture, Change and Organizational Dynamics		3		
RSCH 8000 Advanced Research Methodology		3		
Area B: Elective--3 hrs The faculty advisor will collaborate with candidate and school system partners to identify an appropriate elective.				
LEAD 8510 Building Leadership for the 21 st Century		3		
LEAD 8520 Executive Leadership for the 21 st Century		3		
LEAD 8620 Leading a Professional Learning Community		3		
LEAD 8410 Legal/Ethical Issues for Special Populations		3		
LEAD 8630 Coaching and Mentoring for High Performing Schools		3		
LEAD 8230 Financing and Managing Educational Facilities		3		
LEAD 8240 Resource Management for School Improvement		3		
LEAD 8710 Directed Study in Educational Leadership		3		

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Area C: Field Based Activities 18 hrs				
Field-based activities must be conducted at either the building or system level. The two tracks are differentiated by the performance component—the level at which the residency is completed.				
LEAD 8920 Adv. Leadership Field-Based Experiences I		6		
LEAD 8930 Adv. Leadership Field-Based Experiences II		6		
LEAD 8940 Adv. Leadership Field-Based Experiences III		6		

 Signature of Student Date

 Signature of Advisor Date

 Signature of Department Head Date

Graduation Requirements:

1. Courses taken more than 7 years prior to completion of program will not be accepted.
2. No more than 6 hours for this degree may be transferred from another institution. (Advisor must request course acceptance, in writing, from Graduate School).
3. Candidates must maintain a 3.0 for all graduate work—no courses with grade of D or below will be applied to the degree.
4. An Advanced Inventory of Leadership Experiences must be successfully completed.
5. Completion of all COE LiveText forms including candidate information, dispositions survey (pre and post), and field experiences.
6. An Application for Graduate Degree should be completed one semester prior to graduation. This form may be obtained from the departmental secretary or Registrar's Office.

Candidates must meet all graduation requirements listed in the Graduate Catalog.