

## Path to Tier I Educational Leadership Certification in Conjunction with the M.Ed. in Elementary Education

The Department of Curriculum, Leadership, Technology and the Department of Teacher Education, which offers the M.Ed. in Elementary Education, have provided a pathway to receiving a Tier I Educational Leadership Certificate added to the T-5 certificate. Several courses offered in the Elementary Education program can be applied to the Tier I certification-only program.

The following courses from the M.Ed. in Elementary Education program can be applied to the respective leadership coursework:

1. ELED 7320: Curriculum & Instructional Strategies P-5 for CIED 7060: Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Integration
2. ELED 7220: Elementary Inclusive Environments for LEAD 8030: School Culture, Change, and Organizational Dynamics
3. RSCH 7100: Research Methodology in Education for RSCH 8000: Advanced Research Methodology
4. ELED 7230: Teachers as Mentors, Coaches, & Leaders in Elementary Education for LEAD 7120: Instructional Leadership & Supervisory Practices

Two of the following four courses are to be taken to fulfill the elective portion of the M.Ed. in Elementary Education program of study. The remaining two courses become part of the Tier I Educational Leadership Certification Add-on program:

1. LEAD 7130: Technology Leadership for School Improvement
2. LEAD 7310: Leadership for Community & Public Relations
3. LEAD 7420: Ethical & Legal Issues for Leadership
4. LEAD 8240: Managing Resources for School Improvement

Four additional courses beyond the M.Ed. in Elementary Education program of study requirements are to be completed upon admission to the Tier I Educational Leadership Certification Add-on program:

1. The remaining two courses noted above (as part of the elective requirement)
2. LEAD 7920: Leadership Field-Based Experiences I
3. LEAD 7930: Leadership Field-Based Experiences II

NOTE: LEAD 7920 & LEAD 7930 cannot be used to fulfill the elective component of the M.Ed. program of study in Elementary Education. These two courses fulfill the residency element of the Tier I Educational Leadership program. Completion of the two courses may extend over three to four semesters.

In approaching the final semester of the M.Ed. in Elementary Education, candidates must apply for admission to the Tier I Educational Leadership Certification Add-on program. This is required in order to undertake the remaining two required courses and the two residency courses (LEAD 7920 & LEAD 7930). Once completed, candidates are eligible for the Tier I Leadership certificate.