

Program Map

Ed.S. in Teacher Leadership

Leadership, Technology, & Workforce Development
Valdosta State University



Program Overview

The Teacher Leadership Ed.S. Degree is an advanced degree that prepares educators to meet the GaPSC Teacher Leadership standards providing a foundation for effective collaboration with students, parents, and colleagues. These standards are related to curriculum and instruction, assessment, a school culture that fosters excellence in teaching and learning, modeling best practices in instruction, working with others to design assessments, and using data to work with colleagues in collaborative efforts to improve instruction for all students. By completing this online degree and passing the appropriate Georgia content assessment, candidates will be eligible for the Teacher Leadership (level 6) certification. Several paths of electives in this program allow completion acquisition of an endorsement in Reading, Gifted Education, ESOL, or Online Teaching.

This **30-hour program** can be completed in four consecutive semesters or 16 months. Courses are offered on a continuous basis, allowing for part-time enrollment. No campus visits are required to complete the program.

Special Requirements: Students must be employed teachers or employees of an educational agency -- (*access to teachers and students are required to complete the program*)

Delivery: The program is fully online.

Transfer credit: For teacher leadership, no more than 9 semester hours of post-master's academic work may be transferred from another institution into the program. Transfer credit will be evaluated after admission by the department upon entry. The maximum time allowed for completion of the education specialist degree is seven calendar years. No work completed more than seven years prior to degree completion will be accepted toward the degree.

GACE Assessments & GaPSC Certification: Students are required to take the GACE 346 Teacher Leadership assessment as part of the graduation requirement. Completion of the degree and passing the Georgia GACE 346 in Teacher Leadership allows candidates to be eligible for the Teacher Leadership (level 6) certification. Adding Teacher Leadership certification through this program provides a level 6 certificate upgrade for a Georgia educator currently certified even if the educator is not assigned to a leadership position.

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Year 1

First Term	Hrs	Second Term	Hrs	Third Term	Hrs
EDUC 5999 (Y01): Professional Orientation (Must be completed during the first semester of enrollment.)	0	EDET 8020: Teacher Leadership Residency I (Prerequisite: EDUC 5999)	3	EDET 8050: Teacher Leadership Residency III (Prerequisite: EDUC 5999)	3
EDET 8005: Foundations of Teacher Leadership	3	EDET 8040: Teacher Leadership Residency II (Prerequisite: EDUC 5999)	3	ACED 7150: Adult Learning & Development	3
LEAD 7310: Leadership for Community and Public Relations	3	Elective: 5000 level or higher	3	Elective: 5000 level or higher	3

Year 2

First Term	Hrs	Second Term	Hrs	Third Term	Hrs
EDET 8880 Capstone Seminar (Prerequisites: EDUC 5999, & EDET 8020, 8040, 8050)	3				
Elective: 5000 level or higher	3				

Suggested Electives:

READ 7010, 7100, 7130 (Reading Endorsement)

ESOL 6010, 6020, 6030 (English to Speaker of Other Languages Endorsement)

PSYG 5610, 6600, 6620, 7600 (Gifted In-Field Endorsement)

CIED 7601, 7602, 7603 (Online Teaching Endorsement)

*Any 5000 level or higher graduate course-seek advisor approval