EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ED.S.

Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership/Class AA Instructional Leader Certification

(30 semester hours). Students who earned initial credit toward Class AA professional certification during the Fall 1992 semester or later must enroll in and complete the EdS degree program. Courses used to qualify for a lower-level supporting certificate may not be used again in a higher-level certification program.

Admission

Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership/Class AA Instructional Leader Certification

Students who are admitted to the program must:

1. present an acceptable GRE or MAT score (see application policy),
2. hold a valid Alabama Class A Professional Educator certificate in Instructional Leadership or a valid Class A Professional Leadership certificate, and
3. meet one of the following criteria:
   • currently serving as a superintendent, assistant or associate superintendent, principal, assistant principal, supervisor (any subject and/or grade level), administrator of career and technical education, coordinator or evaluator;
   • three years of experience in an instructional leadership position; OR
   • demonstrate each of the abilities in the Class A Instructional Leadership standards

Please note: Classes taken for Class A certification and credits over six years old cannot be counted toward this degree. The certification programs of the department have been designed to fulfill current requirements of the Alabama State Board of Education.

In order to maintain compliance with the Alabama Board of Education, admission and program requirements are subject to change. Admission forms and requirements, specific program parameters, departmental policies and contact information can be found at the departmental website.

Admission and degree requirements for the Graduate School and for the College of Education are detailed in an earlier section of this catalog. Admission and degree requirements are subject to change and are under revision at the time of publication. Please check with the Office of Student Services and Certification or the Department of Educational Leadership, Policy and Technology Studies for the most current information.

Certification

To be awarded Class AA Instructional Leader certification, students must:

• earn a passing score on a comprehensive exam covering the content of the program,
• maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 (effective July 1, 2017) on all courses with no grade below a “C”,
• complete the State Department of Education certification application forms, and
• complete SPE 500 Intro Exc Childr/Youth if a survey of special education was not previously completed.

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.