Educational Leadership Tier I Certificate Program (Online)

Degree Requirements: 18 Credit Hours

Completion of all program requirements leads to an Educational Leadership Tier I certification as approved by the GaPSC.

Admission Requirements

Regular

1. Complete requirements for a Master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Possess a Professional Level Five Certificate or higher in a teacher, service, or leadership field.
3. Present a cumulative 2.75 (4.0 scale) grade point average or higher on all undergraduate and graduate work combined.
4. Submit a personal statement of purpose, not to exceed 200 words, that identifies the applicant’s reasons for pursuing graduate study and how admission into the program relates to the applicant’s professional aspirations.
5. Submit a completed “Disclosure and Affirmation Form” that addresses misconduct disclosure, criminal background check, the Code of Ethics for Educators, and tort liability insurance.
7. Candidate’s local Unit of Administration (LUA) is required to have entered into an agreement with Georgia Southern University that outlines the agreements related to Tier I Leadership preparation. Said agreement must state that the LUA and school agree to allow candidates to complete 250 hours of clinical practice (Supervised Field Experience) and to provide supporting documents, as well as access to opportunities to lead and participate in leadership functions as appropriate for completion of leadership performances. Additional requirements are listed below; additionally, candidates must comply with any rule changes and/or additions instituted by the GaPSC affecting Educational Leadership certification.
8. All candidates admitted to any GaPSC-approved Educational Leadership program, must have completed (do not have to pass) the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment-Program Entry (Test 370) prior to becoming enrolled.

Other Program Requirements

1. Passing score on the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators® (GACE®), Test #301, Georgia’s state-approved educator certification assessment program, prior to program completion.
2. All candidates completing any GaPSC-approved Educational Leadership program on or after July 1, 2016, must pass the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership-Program Exit (Test 380) prior to completion and must pass the assessment to earn certification in the field of Educational Leadership.

**It is important to note that admission to and completion of Tier 1 does not ensure employment in a leadership position. Under state law, completion of an approved Tier 1 program will not lead to additional pay until employed by a local Unit of Administration (LUA) in a leadership position that requires Tier 1 certification.**

Provisional

Applicants may be approved for provisional admission based on the quality of the admission material presented. Provisional students must earn grades of “B” or higher in their first nine (9) hours of course work after admission and meet any other stipulations outlined by the department to be converted to regular status.

Leadership Professional Core Requirements

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Advisement

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