

# Master of Education with a Major in Educational Leadership

The educational leadership M.Ed. degree allows candidates to obtain an advanced degree in the field of educational leadership. There are two tracks:

- The Higher Education Leadership Track prepares candidates to be administrators in institutions of higher education.
- The P-12 School Leadership Option prepares candidates to serve as entry-level administrators in schools or school systems.

## Higher Education Option

### Selected Educational Outcomes

1. Candidates will demonstrate knowledge of ethical leadership practices in higher education settings.
2. Candidates will establish operational plans and processes to accomplish strategic goals, utilizing practical applications of theory.
3. Candidates will describe the processes of educational leadership and relate them to programs in higher education.
4. Candidates will interact effectively with internal and external audiences.

### Examples of Outcome Assessments

1. Candidates will develop a written budget in response to established criteria.
2. Candidates will prepare a professional portfolio as evidence of their mastery of course content and ability to apply course content to real-world settings.
3. Candidates will write a narrative as part of their professional portfolio, in which they establish operational plans and processes to accomplish strategic goals, utilizing practical applications of organizational theories.
4. Candidates will successfully complete the requirements for their internships.

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University, applicants must first submit a completed application to the Graduate School. A completed application packet includes official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, completed application form, fee, and any additional program requirements submitted by the admission deadline. To be considered for the preferred term, all required materials must be received by the Graduate School no later than the close of business on the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents.

Go to the Higher Education Leadership website (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/our-programs/higher-education-leadership.php>) for information on:

- Specific Higher Education Leadership Track, M.Ed. Educational Leadership Program Admission Requirements
- Higher Educational Leadership Track, M.Ed. Educational Leadership Program Retention, Dismissal, and Readmission Policies
- Higher Educational Leadership Track, M.Ed. Educational Leadership Program Graduation Requirements

To Apply Online, click here (<https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>).

## Requirements for the M.Ed. Degree in Educational Leadership Higher Education Leadership Option

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
ACED 7620	Program Evaluation	3
ACED 7150	Adult Learning and Development	3
HEDL 7650	Leadership Issues in Higher Education	3
HEDL 7800	Organization and Governance of Higher Education	3
HEDL 7810	Finance and Budgeting in Higher and Education	3
HEDL 7840	History and Philosophy of Higher Education	3
HEDL 7870	Introduction to Higher Education Leadership	3
HEDL 7880	Helping Skills in Student Affairs	3
HEDL 8300	Diverse Perspectives in Education	3
RSCH 7100	Research Methodology in Education	3
<b>Electives</b>		

Select two of the following. Additional graduate level electives may be approved by advisor

HEDL 7700	The Community and Technical College	
HEDL 7830	Law and Policy in Higher Education	3
HEDL 7850	Ethics and Standards in Higher Education	
HEDL 7860	Student Development Theory	3
HEDL 7865	Collegiate Environments	3
HEDL 8700	Special Topics in Higher Education Leadership	
HEDL 7890	Technology in Student Affairs	
HEDL 7921	Internship Preparation in Higher Education Leadership	
HEDL 7922	Internship in Higher Education Leadership	3
<b>Total Hours Required for the Degree</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> or equivalent. The faculty advisor will collaborate with candidates to identify appropriate courses based on the candidates' other graduate-level coursework and professional knowledge and skills.

#### Additional Requirements

Please note that all students who hold or are seeking this degree and/or GaPSC educator certification must successfully complete EDUC 5999. Prior to being recommended for a clear/renewable Georgia leadership certificate, a candidate must meet the GaPSC Special Requirements (PSC Rule 505-2-20)--Identification and Education of Children with Special Needs and pass the GACE Educational Performance-based Leadership Assessment.