Educational Specialist (Ed.S.)
In Educational Leadership

Program of Study (33 credits)
This program is intended for practicing teachers and administrators.

Concentration

Recommended sequence of courses:
EDSL 851 Interpersonal and Group Relations in Education (3)
EDSL 852 Data Analysis for Educational Leadership (3)
EDSL 853 School Personnel Administration (3)
EDSL 854 Leadership for Social Justice (3)
EDSL 855 Leading School Renewal (3)
EDSL 856 School Facilities Planning (3)
EDSL 858 Evaluation of School Programs and Personnel (3)
EDSL 859 The Superintendency (3)
(Pre-requisites: EDSL 851-858)
EDSL 975 The Superintendency in Practice (internship) (3)
EDSL 976 The Superintendency in Practice (internship) (3)

Exit Requirement (3 credits)
EDSL 879 Advanced Seminar in Educational Leadership and Research: Topics in
Finance, Law & Policy (3)
Taken concurrently with EDSL 976
Must be the last course in the degree program.

In order to be admitted to the program, a candidate must have:
- A Master’s degree in school leadership or educational administration and supervision from an accredited college or university
- A graduate minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher
- A valid South Carolina Professional Certificate at the elementary, middle, or secondary level in elementary administration and supervision or secondary administration and supervision
- Minimum qualifying score of 590 on the Praxis II area examination in Educational Administration and Supervision, as required by the State Board of Education
- Two completed recommendations by current or former supervisors, or persons familiar with the candidate’s leadership qualifications
- Completed the graduate application form
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended

To be recommended for the Ed. S. degree requires completion of all program requirements including all courses and the internship, and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the program.

Please note: The South Carolina State Department of Education also requires verification of a total of three years experience as a pre-K-12 or post-secondary teacher and two years as a school or school district administrator, post secondary administrator, or school business administrator.