Educational Specialist

The Educational Specialist degree program in Educational Leadership is designed to provide instructional service and leadership candidates with further specialization in the field of educational administration. As the highest degree granted by Furman University, the Ed.S. program is designed to prepare students who are advanced scholars and leaders in education. The degree is a post-master’s degree program for experienced teachers, school and district administrators, and other educators who seek to develop their potential and competencies; who are committed to the improvement of PK-12 education, especially at the school and district level; and who aspire to be lifelong researchers and leaders in their organizations.

Faculty

Harris Heath, Ph.D., School Leadership Program Coordinator, (bottom, left)
Connie McDowell, Ph.D., Professor, (top, right)
Troy Terry, Ph.D., Director of Graduate Studies

Furman University’s Educational Specialist Graduate Studies in Education

Educational Specialist Degree (Ed.S.)
(This concentration is intended for practicing teachers and administrators.)

Program of Study (33 credits)

Concentration (30 credits of required study)

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)
Prerequisites: 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)
Must be the last course in the degree program.
May be taken concurrently with EDSL 976.

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 in order to add the superintendent’s certification.
“It is my belief that my participation in the Education Leadership program at Furman University will allow me to build a solid structure on the foundation that Furman has already helped me establish through the master’s program. Today, many areas affect education, and we need quality professionals advocating for our students each and every day.”

—Lisa Cassidy

“The university understands the need to challenge past and current thinking and teaching methods to better prepare educators for the future. I need the challenge and the commitment to excellence that Furman offers through its programs, and in return I can offer the university my excellence and commitment to learning and improving the world of public education for our future societies.”

—Michael Delaney

“The Education Specialist program will open more doors and provide additional opportunities for me to learn, grow, and fulfill my potential. I do not yet know which door may be the right one for me, but I do know that this degree will help me discover more of who I am as a leader.”

—Sherry Martin

“Furman is known for positively changing lives for the better. Furman puts a great deal of thought in its curriculum and programs. This great university takes pride in the product that it gives its customers.”

—Leonard Galloway