



NEW

Ed.S. Educational Leadership Degree



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in Educational Leadership at Florida Memorial University is a 30-credit hour, fully online program designed to prepare experienced educators for advanced school and district leadership roles.

Grounded in FMU's Five Pillars—Academic Excellence, Leadership, Character Development, Service, and Innovation—the program emphasizes ethical leadership, instructional improvement, and data-informed decision-making. Coursework aligns with the Florida Educational Leadership Standards (FELS) and Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE) competencies to ensure readiness for state-level certification.

Students engage in practical, field-based learning through real-world case studies and a culminating internship, applying theory to practice while developing the confidence and skills to lead schools toward continuous improvement and student success.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Ed.S. in Educational Leadership program are equipped to pursue advanced leadership positions across K–12 and higher education settings. Career paths include Assistant Principal, District Administrator, Instructional Supervisor, School Improvement Specialist, and Curriculum or Professional Development Director. The program also provides a strong foundation for those seeking doctoral study or leadership roles in educational policy and administration.

The degree also provides a strong foundation for future doctoral study and career advancement in educational policy, administration, and organizational leadership.

Course No.	Course	Credit
AREA I: REQUIRED CORE – 24 CREDIT HOURS		
EDL 701	Standards-Based Curriculum and Assessment	3
EDL 703	Visionary Leadership for Accountable Schools	3
EDL 707	Financial Stewardship in Education	3
EDL 724	Legal Literacy for School Administrators	3
EDL 727	Leadership in Human Resources and Professional Growth	3
EDL 739	Management of Schools and Community Engagement	3
EDL 777	Ethical Leadership and Data-Driven Decision-Making	3
EDL 798	Seminar in Diverse Educational Leadership	3
AREA II: REQUIRED RESEARCH – 6 CREDIT HOURS		
EDU 750	Research Design in Education	3
EDL 785	Research and Technology in Educational Leadership	3
AREA III: REQUIRED FIELD EXPERIENCE – 6 CREDIT HOURS		
EDL 799	Clinical Internship for Educational Leaders	6