

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST CAREER PATHS

Educators in the Educational Specialist Program will develop their ability to make student-centered decisions through integration of rigorous analysis of theory, research, and exemplary practices with authentic, engaging inquiry and problem-based learning. Coursework in this program is specifically designed in consultation with Leadership Development personnel in school districts immediately surrounding the USF area.

Students earning an Educational Specialist degree typically pursue educational leadership positions, such as:

- School Principals
- District-level Administrators
- Area, Assistant and Associate Superintendents of Schools
- Educational Consultants

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EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Turnaround School Leadership

The USF College of Education's **Educational Specialist Program** with an emphasis in **Turnaround School Leadership** prepares educators to become effective school leaders skilled to address turnaround and underperforming school contexts.



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) Program with a concentration in turnaround school leadership is an advanced graduate degree program that focuses on developing effective school leaders with skills and experience to address turnaround and underperforming school contexts.

Admission to this program is currently focusing on individuals who have earned a Master's degree and have been recruited through initiatives with partnering school districts. Preferred applicants should have a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education, and a GPA of 3.5 or higher in graduate-level coursework, and a 3.0 in the second half of undergraduate coursework.

Courses taken in the Ed.S. program may be transferable toward the Educational Doctorate (Ed.D) Program in Program Development — Educational Innovation if students apply for and are accepted before ending their Ed.S. program of study.

COURSE CURRICULUM

The Ed.S. Program consists of 30 hours of required coursework. Students in this program will participate in courses such as:

Core Knowledge Requirements

- Appreciative Inquiry for Educational Leaders
- Ethics in Educational Leadership
- Issues in Curriculum and Instruction
- Educational Politics and the Engagement of Communities
- Policy Analysis and Implementation

Additional Courses & Electives

- Case Studies in School Administration
- Analysis and Change
- Culturally Relevant Leadership

A required capstone project (6 credit hours) is completed in projects groups assigned to work on an issue of leadership practice based on interest, expertise and programmatic priorities.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The admissions deadline for **Summer 2017** is **February 15, 2017**

Preferred applicants must submit:

- A personal statement detailing your interest in the program
- A written response to a case study (provided)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- An original, sealed copy of bachelor's and master's degree transcripts
- Application to USF Office of Graduate Studies at www.grad.usf.edu

TUITION SUPPORT

There are a number of federal grant, loan and repayment programs available to help finance your education. To learn more about financial aid at USF, visit www.usf.edu/financial-aid.

The College of Education also offers assistantships on a competitive basis. Graduate Assistants are employed by the university to teach, conduct research or carry out other relevant tasks that contribute to the student's professional development.

