

# Online Ed.S. in District-Level Educational Leadership



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Clemson University's online Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) in Educational Leadership is for experienced educators who want to learn how to serve students and communities collaboratively and acquire the necessary skills to solve the complex problems facing school districts. The district-level Ed.S. combines the educational excellence that Clemson University is known for with the flexibility that many educators need. The program enables students who already have a master's degree in education or a related field to earn an advanced degree and certification for district-level educational leadership. Graduates become superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, instructional coaches, and curriculum specialists, and serve in a wide variety of building- and district-level leadership roles. **Note: South Carolina educators receive a 10% reduction in tuition, and the GRE is no longer required for admission.**

## Program Format

The online Ed.S. offers convenience and flexibility with the same high-quality learning experience associated with Clemson's face-to-face programs. The five-semester, 10-course program (30 credit hours) includes an emphasis on improvement science to create school systems. Students take two, eight-week courses a semester with field experiences embedded in each course. Throughout the program, students apply what they are learning to address a problem of practice in a familiar educational setting, enabling them to transfer their coursework directly to practice.

The plan of study below leads to South Carolina **district-level certification** in administration and supervision. Refer to this website for courses leading to **building-level certification**: [clemson.edu/education/academics/masters/educational-leadership.html](http://clemson.edu/education/academics/masters/educational-leadership.html).

## Online Ed.S. District-Level Plan of Study

|        | FALL   | SPRING   | SUMMER  |
|--------|--|--|---|
| YEAR 1 | Advanced Educational Leadership<br>The Superintendency                 | School Facilities Planning<br>The Politics of Education                              | Finance in School Systems<br>School System Instructional Leadership |
| YEAR 2 | Advanced Program Evaluation<br>Field Problems in School Administration | Internship in School System Leadership 1<br>Internship in School System Leadership 2 |   |

## Apply Today!

Visit [clemson.edu/graduate/admissions](http://clemson.edu/graduate/admissions) to start your application. A new cohort starts in the fall of odd-numbered years only.

## Application Deadlines

**January 15:** Priority deadline (for early decision applicants)

**May 1:** Application deadline

## What Students Say

"This degree provided me with invaluable skills and insights that have truly transformed my ability to lead a school district. The assignments and projects were well thought-out and provided relevant experience and research that directly related to the challenges faced by educators on a daily basis. The camaraderie with classmates provided essential opportunities to network with exceptional individuals and created mutual benefits for all. I highly recommend the program."

**Robbie Binnicker, Superintendent**

Anderson School District One, Anderson, South Carolina

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