Clemson University’s online Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership (Ed.S.) is for experienced educators who want to learn how to serve students and communities collaboratively and to acquire the necessary skills to solve the complex problems facing schools today. The Ed.S. combines the educational excellence that Clemson 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 in educational leadership. Our graduates become principals, assistant principals, instructional coaches, and curriculum specialists, and serve in a wide variety of building-level and district-level leadership roles. The GRE is no longer required for admission. South Carolina teachers and leaders receive a 10% reduction in tuition.

Program Format
Our online Ed.S. offers convenience and flexibility with the same high-quality learning experience associated with Clemson’s face-to-face programs. The two-year, 10- or 12-course program includes an emphasis on instructional leadership and building equitable schools. Students take two, eight-week courses a semester with field experiences embedded in each course. In the last half of the program, students apply what they are learning in the program to address a problem of practice in an educational setting they are familiar with. Students choose from three degree options, which consist of 30 or 36 credit hours. The online Ed.S. Plan of Study shown on this page leads to South Carolina building-level certification in administration and supervision. Refer to this website for courses leading to district-level certification: clemson.edu/education/academics/masters-specialist-programs/masters-administration-supervision.

Ed.S. Options

Option 1
- Ed.S. with South Carolina building-level certification
- 30 credit hours of core courses
- South Carolina Internship I & II

Option 2
- Ed.S. with potential for out-of-state building-level certification
- 30 credit hours of core courses
- Out-of-state Internship I & II

Option 3
- Ed.S.
- 30 credit hours of core courses

Online Ed.S. Plan of Study

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Application Deadlines

Building-level certification (Ed.S.)
- January 15: Priority deadline (for early decision applicants)
- May 1: Application deadline
A new cohort starts each fall.

District-level certification (Ed.S.)
- January 15: Priority deadline (for early decision applicants)
- March 15: Application deadline
A new cohort starts each summer.

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