

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ED.S.

The EdS degree in educational leadership requires a minimum of 30 hours and provides coursework for those seeking **Class AA Instructional Leader** certification or **Class AA Teacher Leader** certification. Additionally, a concentration in School Library Media Specialist, leading to **Class AA Library Media Specialist** certification, is also offered.

Admission and degree requirements for the Graduate School and for the College of Education are detailed in the relevant sections of this catalog. Admission and degree requirements are subject to change and may be under revision at the time of publication. Please check with the Office of Student Services and Certification or the Department of Educational Leadership, Policy, and Technology Studies for the most current information.

The Graduate Catalog is published annually. State-approved program checklists may be updated more frequently and are thus likely to provide the most up-to-date information about requirements. A current program checklist may be obtained from the program office. Students should consult their advisors each semester before registering.

Admission Requirements

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

Class AA Instructional Leader (P-12) certification

Admission Requirements

To be considered, applicants must:

1. present an acceptable GRE or MAT score (at least 300 on the GRE or the 50th percentile or above on the MAT) for regular admission
2. hold a valid Alabama Class A Professional Educator certificate in Instructional Leadership or a valid Class A Professional Leadership certificate
3. meet one of the following criteria:
 - currently serving as a superintendent, assistant or associate superintendent, principal, assistant principal, supervisor (any subject and/or grade level), administrator of career and technical education, coordinator or evaluator;
 - three years of experience in an instructional leadership position; OR
 - demonstrate each of the abilities in the Class A Instructional Leadership standards

Please note: Classes taken for Class A certification and credits over six years old cannot be counted toward this degree. The certification programs of the department have been designed to fulfill current requirements of the Alabama State Board of Education.

In order to maintain compliance with the Alabama Board of Education, admission and program requirements are subject to change. Admission forms and requirements, specific program parameters, departmental policies and contact information can be found at the departmental website. Students should consult with their advisors before registering each semester.

Degree Requirements

This course listing applies to those who begin this program June 1, 2017, and thereafter. A comprehensive exam is required, and candidates must

present a GPA of at least 3.50 on all courses in the program, with no grade below a C.

Code and Title	Hours
Foundations of Professional Studies:	
(Choose ONE from these SDE approved diversity courses.)	
BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed	3
BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ	
BEF 667 Multicult Soc Ed Leadership	
BEF 681 Ethics And Education	
Educational Research:	
AEL 638 Solving Problems of Practice	3
Advisor-approved BER research course at the 600 level	3
Instructional Support Area:	
AEL 631 Strategic Leadership	3
AEL 632 Leading Learning Through the Curriculum	3
AEL 633 Leading, Developing, and Mentoring for Adult Learners	3
AEL 634 Development and Supervision of Human Resources	3
AEL 635 Ethical, Legal, and Policy Issues in Schools	3
AEL 636 School Finance and Financial Management	3
AEL 637 Leadership and Social Systems	3
Additional Requirements:	
SPE 500 is required if a special education survey course was not part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.	0-3
Total Hours	30-33

Certification

To be awarded Alabama Class AA Instructional Leader certification, students must:

- earn a passing score on a comprehensive exam covering the content of the program,
- maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 (effective July 1, 2017) on all courses with no grade below a C, and
- complete the State Department of Education certification application forms

Class AA Teacher Leader (P-12) certification

Admission Requirements

To be considered, applicants must:

1. hold a valid master's level professional educator certificate in any teaching field or area of instructional support,
2. have a minimum of three full years of full-time teaching experience in a P-12 setting, and
3. submit a portfolio containing three recommendations, evidence of the ability to positively affect student achievement, and evidence of collaborative leadership potential.

Please note: Classes taken for Class A certification and credits over six years old cannot be counted toward this degree. The certification

programs of the department have been designed to fulfill current requirements of the Alabama State Board of Education.

In order to maintain compliance with the Alabama Board of Education, admission and program requirements are subject to change. Admission forms and requirements, specific program parameters, departmental policies and contact information can be found at the departmental website. Students should consult with their advisors before registering each semester.

Degree Requirements

This course listing applies to those who begin this program June 1, 2017, and thereafter. A comprehensive exam is required, and candidates must present a GPA of at least 3.50 on all courses in the program, with no grade below a C.

Code and Title	Hours
Foundations of Professional Studies:	
(Choose ONE from these SDE approved diversity courses.)	
BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed	3
BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ	
BEF 667 Multicult Soc Ed Leadership	
BEF 681 Ethics And Education	
Educational Research:	
BER 600 Quant Research Methods	3
Problem-based Research:	
BER 660 Eval I:Theory & Practice	3
CIE 620 Design Res Classrm Teach	3
Instructional Support Area:	
CIE 645 Prof Cont: Tchng & Lrning Com	3
AEL 612 Instruc Supv Mentor Trng	3
SPE 613 Consult Proc Spe Progs	3
BEP 601 Family, Sch., Community Relat.	3
CRD 690 Advanced Seminar Crd	3
BEF 639 Educ Theory And Policy	3
Additional Requirements:	
SPE 500 is required if a special education survey course was not part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.	0-3
Total Hours	30-33

Certification

To be awarded Alabama Class AA Teacher Leader certification, students must:

- earn a passing score on a comprehensive exam covering the content of the program,
- maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 (effective July 1, 2017) on all courses with no grade below a C, and
- complete the State Department of Education certification application forms

Class AA School Library Media Specialist

Admission Requirements

Admission requires valid, master's level certification as a School Library Media Specialist and at least two full years of full-time acceptable P-12 professional educational work experience.

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 30 hours of appropriate work beyond the MA degree and a passing score on a comprehensive exam are required for the educational specialist degree.

This course listing applies to candidates having appropriate prior certification. Candidates must present a GPA of at least 3.50 on all courses in the program, with no grade below a C. At least 15 semester hours of the 30 semester hour total must be at the 600-level. All requirements must be completed during the 6 years preceding the date on which the degree is to be awarded.

Code and Title	Hours
Foundations of Professional Studies	
Select one of the following courses:	3
BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed *	
BEF 639 Educ Theory And Policy	
BEF 640 Studies History Of Education	
BEF 641 Studies Social Foundatn Eductn	
BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ	
BEF 681 Ethics And Education	
Any 600-level BEP course	
Educational Research	
CIS 698 Independent Research	3
Instructional Support Area	
Select three courses from the following:	9
LS 508 Management Theory and Practice	
LS 520 or Early Child Lit Mat & Story Pr (if not previously completed)	
LS 521 Matl & Services Childrn	
LS 541 Youth Programming	
LS 543 Trad. & Digital Storytelling	
LS 581 Universal Access	
LS 583 Social Aspects of Information	
Select one course from the following:	3
LS 544 Cultural Diversity Programming *	
LS 580 Outreach to Diverse Population *	
Select 12 hours from the following courses:	12
AEL 630 School Partnerships (or advisor approved sub)	
LS 620 Graphic Novels	
LS 621 Interculture Perspect Yout Lit	
LS 622 Collab. through School Libs	
LS 623 School Lib. Admin	
Additional requirement	0-3
SPE 500 Intro Exc Childr/Youth (Required ONLY IF a survey of special education course was not completed previously.)	
Total Hours	30-33

Footnotes

* State-approved diversity course

The *Graduate Catalog* is published annually. Program checklists may be updated more frequently and are likely to provide the most up-to-date

information about requirements. Students should obtain the most recent program checklists from their program advisors.

Please note: Courses taken for the prerequisite Class A certification and credits over six years old cannot be counted toward this degree. The certification programs of the department have been designed to fulfill current requirements of the Alabama State Board of Education.

In order to maintain compliance with the Alabama State Board of Education, admission and program requirements are subject to change. For the most current information, please check with the Office of Student Services and Certification or the Program in School Library Media.

Certification

To be awarded Alabama Class AA School Library Media Specialist certification, students must:

- maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 on all courses with no grade below a C
- receive a passing score on a comprehensive assessment documenting mastery of the curriculum
- hold valid, prerequisite Alabama Class A School Library Media Specialist certification
- complete an application for certification through the Alabama State Department of Education