



Modified Program in Educational Leadership

Program Overview

The Modified Program in Educational Leadership is a State-approved program intended for those with an earned Master's degree in a field other than educational leadership and who wish to add Educational Leadership to their Florida Professional Educator's Certificate without earning a second Master's degree. The Modified Program is a **non-degree program** consisting of approximately 24-33 credits of coursework encompassing the eight core areas of the educational leadership curriculum mandated by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE). *Note: As a non-degree seeking program, the MPEL is not eligible for financial aid.*

The number of courses required will vary depending upon the student's master's degree coursework. Applicants wanting consideration of previous master's coursework must supply a university catalog course description for each course they want reviewed and indicate which USF course may be comparable. **NOTE: Previous coursework cannot be older than 5 years at the time the student completes the Modified Program.** Faculty will evaluate coursework to determine acceptability and applicants will be provided a list of recommended courses for completion of the Modified Program.

Upon completion of recommended courses and passing the Florida Educational Leadership Exam (FELE), a notation of completion of the state-approved modified program will be applied to the student's official USF transcript. The student must apply to the FLDOE for state certification. The FLDOE will determine if certification requirements have been met.

Once certified in educational leadership by the FLDOE, students who wish to pursue a higher degree may be able to have some eligible credits earned in the modified program considered for transfer to a Specialist (Ed.S.) or Doctorate (Ed.D.) program.

Class Meeting Times & Class Schedule

Flexible scheduling of courses on nights and weekends, in five-week and ten-week blocks. Some courses may also be available at the USFSM North Port instructional site.

Admissions Information

Admissions Criteria:

- Have an earned Master's degree in any field with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from a regionally accredited institution.
- Have a valid Florida Professional Educator's Certificate that includes ESOL endorsement.
- Have taught under a full contract for a **minimum** of 2 years; confirmation may be required.

How to Apply: (submit all supportive application documents/materials to Diane Lewis, Graduate Advisor)

- Apply online for non-degree study at <http://www.usf.edu/Admission/non-degree-seeking.asp>
- Submit one original, sealed copy of Bachelor's and Master's transcripts. Previous USF graduates do not need to submit transcripts of USF coursework.
- Submit three letters of professional reference (ask references to include your name and "letter of reference" in subject line if emailing the letter)
- Submit a goals statement (1-2 pages) discussing professional experiences and interest in Educational Leadership.
- Submit a copy of the Florida Professional Educator's Certificate that clearly shows all borders and the state seal.
- Effective Fall 2010-Submit proof of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) training. Applicant must provide documentation of completion of a three (3) credit hour course in ESOL or completion of sixty (60) hours of ESOL district in-service training or successfully complete TSL 5085: ESOL 1 as part of the modified program in educational leadership.

Tuition and Fees

The cost of tuition can be found at: <http://www.usf.edu/controller/cashaccounting/tuition>.

Program of Study

The Modified Program in Educational Leadership is unique for each student. Coursework consists of 24-33 credit hours of coursework. Please consult an advisor for process to receive course recommendations based on your credentials.

Required Courses

Area A: Core & Leadership Concentration (24 hours)

EDF 6492 - Applied Educational Program Evaluation

EDG 6627 - Foundations of Curriculum

EME 6425 - Technology for School Management

EDA 6061 - Principles of Educational Administration

EDA 6192 - Educational Leadership

EDA 6199 - Building Capacity for Continuous Improvement (Eff. Fall '11, EDS 6050 Principles of Ed Supervision)

EDA 6232 - School Law

EDA 6242 - School Finance

TSL 5085 - ESOL 1 (waived with documentation of completion of a three (3) credit hour course in ESOL or completion of sixty (60) hours of ESOL district in-service training)

Area B: Other Specialization courses (6 hours, select TWO)

EDG 6285 - School Curriculum Improvement

EDA 6106 - Administrative Analysis & Change

EDA 6503 - The Principalship

EDA 6945 - Administrative Practicum (taken during final semester)

Total credit hours: up to 33

Modified Program Completion Requirements

1. Submit copy of official score report showing successful completion the Florida Educational Leadership Examination [FELE](#).
2. Submit Completion Form requesting verification of completion of the modified program (by Graduation Application deadline for term you will complete the modified program). Form is available by contacting Ms. Lewis, Graduate Program Specialist, COE.
3. Apply to the [Florida Department of Education](#) for certification.

Please submit all application materials to:

Diane Lewis, Graduate Program Specialist

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Note: Changes in Florida State Teacher Preparation Programs may result in program changes. Students must closely monitor program requirements. Students are responsible for all information listed in the University graduate catalog.

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