

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP - TIER I ADD-ON CERTIFICATION ONLY PROGRAM (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

Program Overview

The Tier I Add-On Certification Only Program is an 18-hour graduate certificate program designed for certified educators who already hold a Master's degree or higher and wish to earn the credentials necessary to become a school- or district-level administrator. Upon completion of this program, candidates will be eligible to add Tier I Leadership Certification to their certificates, provided all GaPSC certification requirements are met (see Notes below). While in a Tier I program, candidates are expected to be employed in a professional role in an organization that provides professional educational services (e.g. school, school district, regional educational service agency department of education). Tier I Educational Leadership Certification prepares candidates for P-12 school-level positions below that of principal (e.g. assistant or vice principal, etc.) and for district-level positions that do not supervise principals.

Note:

- 1) The GACE Leadership Ethics Exam must be taken prior to enrollment in the Tier I certification program.
- 2) All candidates must obtain a signed Mentor Agreement Form to be submitted as part of the admissions process. The candidate mentor must be an individual who holds certification in educational leadership and is employed in a supervisory capacity over the candidate at the time of application. The Mentor Agreement Form may be obtained from the CSU Admissions Office.
- 3) The GACE Educational Leadership content exam must be passed in order to officially earn Tier I certification.

Career Opportunities

Educational leadership Tier I certification prepares you for a broad range of careers including:

- *Assistant principal
- *Central office administrator (that doesn't supervise principals)
- *Other leadership roles in education