

Education Specialist (EdS) in Educational Leadership (P-12 Tier II)

The EdS in Educational Leadership (P-12 Tier II) program is designed to prepare certified educators for leadership roles in schools or districts and is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), 200 Piedmont Avenue SE, Suite 1716, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334-9032. Successful completion of the program and a passing score on the Georgia Assessments for Certification of Educators (GACE) Content Assessment for Educational Leadership makes educators that hold Level 6 certification eligible for leadership positions at the building and district level.

The table below displays where the program meets, does not meet, or Mercer has been unable to determine if it meets the educational requirements for advanced certification in all states and territories. Often jurisdictions that accept out-of-state degrees grant a time-limited certificate that must be converted by meeting additional state requirements. All states require teaching experience and most require the applicant to hold or be eligible for an equivalent certificate in that state. Each state or territory board, agency or department has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure or certification will be issued.

Please review the table below closely to determine if the programs meet the educational requirements in the state in which you reside or intend to seek licensure or advancement.

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U.S. State or Territory	Regulatory Body	Contact	Website URL	Meet educational requirements
Alabama	Alabama State Department of Education	(334) 694-4900	https://www.alabamaachievers.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification/	Yes
Alaska	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development - Teacher Certification Office	(907) 465-2831	https://education.alaska.gov/TeacherCertification	Yes
Arizona	Arizona Department of Education	(602) 542-4367	https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/	Yes
Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Education	(501) 682-4342	https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/become-an-arkansas-teacher	No

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California	California Commission on Teacher Credentialing	(916)-319-0800	https://www.ctc.ca.gov/	Yes
Colorado	Colorado Department of Education Licensing Office	(303) 866-6600	https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof	Yes
Connecticut	Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Certification	(860) 713-6969	https://portal.ct.gov/sdecertification?language=en_US	No - unable to determine
Delaware	Delaware Department of Education	(302) 735-4000	https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification	Yes
District of Columbia	District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education	(202) 727-6436	https://osse.dc.gov/ed-credentials	No - unable to determine
Florida	Florida Department of Education	(800) 445-6739	www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification	Yes
Georgia	Georgia Professional Standards Commission	(404) 232-2500	https://www.gapsc.com/	Yes
Hawaii	Hawaii Teacher Standards Board	(808) 586-2600	https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/	Yes
Idaho	Idaho State Department of Education	(208) 332-6800	https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/	Yes
Illinois	Illinois State Board of Education	Springfield: (217) 782-4321 Chicago: (312) 814-2220	https://www.isbe.net/educatorlicensure	Yes
Indiana	Indiana Department of Education Office of Educator Licensing	(317) 232-9010	https://www.in.gov/doe/educators/educator-licensing/	No - unable to determine
Iowa	Iowa Board of Educational Examiners	(515) 281-5294	https://educate.iowa.gov/educator-licensure	No - unable to determine

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Kansas	Kansas State Department of Education	(785) 296-2288	https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-TL	Yes
Kentucky	Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board	(502) 564-4606	http://www.epsb.ky.gov/course/view.php?id=3	No - unable to determine
Louisiana	Louisiana Department of Education	(877) 453-2721	www.teachlouisiana.net	Yes
Maine	Maine Department of Education	(207) 624-6600	https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert	No - unable to determine
Maryland	Maryland State Department of Education	(410) 767-0100	https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/pages/dee/certification/index.aspx	Yes
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education - Office of Educator Licensure	(781) 338-3000	http://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/	No - unable to determine
Michigan	Michigan Department of Education	(833) 633-5788	https://www.michigan.gov/mde/Services/ed-serv/ed-cert	No - unable to determine
Minnesota	Minnesota Professional Education Licensing and Standards Board	(651) 539-4200	https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/	Yes
Mississippi	Mississippi Department of Education	(601) 359-3483	https://www.mdek12.org/OEL	Yes
Missouri	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	(573) 751-0051	https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification	Yes
Montana	Montana Office of Public Instruction	(406) 444-3150	https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Educator-Licensure	Yes
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Education	(402) 471-2295	https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/	No - unable to determine

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Nevada	State of Nevada Department of Education	Carson City: (775) 687-9115 Las Vegas: (702) 486-6458	https://doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/	Yes
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Department of Education Bureau of Credentialing	(603) 271-3494	https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-support-and-higher-education/bureau-of-credentialing	No - unable to determine
New Jersey	State of New Jersey Department of Education	(609) 292-2070	https://www.nj.gov/education/certification/	Yes
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Education Department	(505) 827-5800 Option 1 or 2	https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureau/licensure/	Yes
New York	New York State Department of Education Office of Teaching Initiatives	(518) 474-3901	http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/	Yes
North Carolina	North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	(919) 716-1800	https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educators-licensure	Yes
North Dakota	North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board	(701) 328-9641	https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure	No - unable to determine
Ohio	Ohio Department of Education	(877) 644-6338	https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-licensure	Yes
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Department of Education	(405) 521-3337	https://sde.ok.gov/teacher-certification	No - unable to determine
Oregon	Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission	by appointment only; see URL link	https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Pages/default.aspx	Yes

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Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Department of Education	(717) 787-3356	https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Pages/default.aspx	Yes
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Education	(401) 222-4600	https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification	Yes
South Carolina	South Carolina Department of Education	(803) 734-8500	https://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/	Yes
South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Education	(605) 773-3134	https://doe.sd.gov/certification/	No - unable to determine
Tennessee	Tennessee State Board of Education	(615) 741-5158	https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing.html	Yes
Texas	Texas Education Agency	(512) 936-8400 Option 2	https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification	Yes
Utah	Utah State Board of Education	(801) 538-7740	https://schools.utah.gov/licensing	No - unable to determine
Vermont	Vermont Agency of Education	(802) 828-3440	https://education.vermont.gov/education-or-licensure	No - unable to determine
Virginia	Virginia Department of Education	(804) 786-2302	https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/teaching-in-virginia/licensure	No - unable to determine
Washington	Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board	(360) 725-6275	https://www.pesb.wa.gov/	Yes
West Virginia	West Virginia Department of Education	(304) 558-7010	https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/	Yes
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	(800) 266-1027	https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing	Yes
Wyoming	Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board	(307) 777-7291	https://wyomingptsb.com/licensure/becoming-licensed/	Yes
American Samoa	American Samoa Department of Education	(684) 633-5237 or 5238	https://www.amsamoadoe.com/	No - unable to determine

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Federated States of Micronesia	FSM Department of Education	(691) 320 2609	https://www.national.doe.fm/teacher-certification/	No - unable to determine
Guam	Guam Commission for Educator Licensure	(671) 735-2554	https://gcec.guam.gov/	No - unable to determine
Marshall Islands	Republic of Marshal Islands Ministry of Education	(692) 625-5262 (692) 625-5261	https://pss.edu.mh/	No - unable to determine
Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI State Board of Education	(670) 237-3061	https://www.cnmipss.org/state-boe-certification	No - unable to determine
Palau	Palau Ministry of Education	(680) 488-6425	http://moe.epsolutions.pw/	No - unable to determine
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Department of Education	(787) 759-2000	https://de.pr.gov/	No - unable to determine
US Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands Board of Education	St Croix: (340) 772-4144 St Thomas: (340) 774-4546	https://myviboe.com/	No - unable to determine

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