



***Educational Specialist
Degree
in
Instructional
Leadership***



The Graduate Studies Division of the College of Health, Education and Professional Studies at UTC invites you to apply for admission to its new and innovative program: Educational Specialist in Instructional Leadership.

The program is designed for post-master's level teachers, aspiring administrators or administrators whose focus is on the improvement of instruction. The program's objective is to address the need for improvement of instruction for a broad audience and will expect program finishers to have a knowledge and a skill base that can be applied to enhance instruction at any school in which they are employed.

How is the program unique? Individualized Course Content

- ✚ Students are required to take 6 credits of "645r Seminar in Instructional Leadership". For each three credit seminar course, each student will identify two or three topic areas that are of specific interest to that student. S/he will examine each topic with a field mentor, will create an annotated bibliography, and will complete a field based project, allowing the graduate student to apply new knowledge and skills in areas of specific interest to the individual or his/her school.
- ✚ Students also have one other elective course option. This course may be taken individually on campus or may be selected by the cohort.

Other FAQ's

- ✚ *How many credits?* 30 beyond the master's degree
- ✚ *When does the next cohort start?* August 2008
- ✚ *How long does it take?* 5 semesters (including 1 summer), based on 2 courses (6 credits) per semester. Students who begin the program in August 2008 can finish as early as spring 2010.
- ✚ *Is it an on-line program? If not, how often do classes meet?* The program is designed as a 'hybrid'; some classes are face to face with an on-line supplement, and some may be completely on-line. The seminar course will have fewer large-group face to face meetings than other courses and will do more in small groups and independently. Typically, students will have class on campus once a week.
- ✚ *What is tuition?* Tuition and fees for 3 graduate credits in Spring 2008 were \$1009. All fees are subject to any changes approved by the Board of Trustees prior to the beginning of a term.

- ✚ *What are the required courses? All courses are 3 graduate credit, 30 credits are required:*
 - EDS Core (9 credits):** These are the same core courses required for other Ed.S. programs at UTC (Technology and School Psychology)
 - EDS 605: Reflective Leadership
 - EDS 610: Program Evaluation
 - EDS 613: Teaching and Learning
 - Instructional Improvement (12 credits)**
 - One of EDUC 561, 562 or 563 (Literacy Strategies) or a course in Literacy/Numeracy Coaching
 - EDS 640: Change Leadership for Reform
 - EDS 642: Money and Schools: School Finance for Instructional Leadership
 - EDS 690r: Capstone Project
 - Elective Block (9 credits)**
 - EDS 645r: Seminar in Instructional Leadership: Students will take this course twice. See previous description.
 - One other 3 credit elective with approval of advisor as appropriate to specific situation

- ✚ *What is the course sequence?* This may vary, but is based on a cohort model with the exception of the one individual elective.

- ✚ *Does the program lead to administrative licensure?* At this time the program does not lead to principal licensure. State requirements for licensure/administrative endorsement are being completely revised by both Tennessee and Georgia, so this will be considered as an option once those revisions have been made and approved (after August 2009).

- ✚ *Can the Ed.S. credits be applied later to an Ed.D.?* This will depend on the university. The UTC doctorate in Learning and Leadership will consider including up to 15 of these credits as ‘focused electives’, if the courses are relative to the doctoral student’s personal academic goals and dissertation topic.

- ✚ *What are the admission requirements? How do I apply?*
 - The candidate must hold a master’s degree from an accredited university. Official transcripts must be sent to the UTC Graduate School.
 - The candidate must complete the UTC Graduate School Application along with the application fee. This can be accessed at <http://www.utc.edu/Administration/GraduateSchool/application/GraduateApplication2007.pdf> or go to the Graduate School website (<http://www.utc.edu/Administration/GraduateSchool/>) and click on “Application” (left side). Mail to: The Graduate School, 103 Race Hall, Dept 5305, 615 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403
 - Three letters of recommendation are to be sent to the above address.
 - A professional resume and a ‘Statement of Purpose’ must also be sent to the above address. The ‘Statement of Purpose’ would be a 2-3 page essay explaining what your interest is in this program and what your personal vision is as an instructional leader.

Admission for the August 2008 Cohort will be done on a rolling admission basis. ***Applications will be accepted until the cohort is full or until August 1, 2008, whichever comes first. Space is limited, so it is in your best interest to apply early!***

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