

A photograph of four diverse women sitting around a table in a meeting. They are engaged in conversation, with one woman in a yellow top smiling and holding a pen. The background shows a modern office setting with bookshelves and large windows.

## TIER I ADD-ON CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

### Applicants must:

- Currently work in a P-12 educational setting
- Have three or more years' experience in a school or other educational setting
- Have a 3.25 GPA or higher
- Take the Ethics Assessment for Educational Leadership

### Application Requirements

- \$50 application fee
- Resume
- Official transcripts
- Letter of interest, detailing your goals for pursuing a Tier I add-on certificate in educational leadership, your reasons for applying to Georgia State's educational leadership program, and the ways you will meet the program requirement of logging 300 hours of clinical leadership experiences
- Two letters of recommendation, including one from your current supervisor and one from an educator who knows your leadership potential
- A signed agreement with an identified mentor who holds leadership certification in Georgia

### Application Deadlines

- Spring: Nov. 15
- Summer: April 15
- Fall: July 15

### Overview

The Tier I educational leadership add-on certificate program offers a set of academic and site-based experiences that provide knowledge and skills for candidates seeking a stronger understanding of educational leadership. This non-degree program leads to Tier I leadership certification in Georgia, which allows an individual to serve in a P-12 school-level leadership position below the principal or a district-level leadership position that does not supervise principals. Students in the Tier I add on program gain a comprehensive understanding of beginning leadership concepts and develop the dispositions required to lead school and district improvement efforts by engaging in an innovative program that links theory, research and practice to positively affect student outcomes.

### Key Certificate Program Features

- Students are offered the choice of an online-only program option or a hybrid program option
- Six courses (18 semester hours) and 300 hours of site-based leadership experience
- Financial aid available for students in this Board of Regents and Georgia Department of Education-recognized non-degree program

### Who Should Apply

- Teachers, counselors and instructional coaches who hold a master's, specialist or doctoral level degree and meet Georgia certification requirements
- Those with three or more years' experience in a P-12 educational setting who aspire to be in a leadership position that requires Tier I educational leadership certification

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