What will I study?
The Educational Specialist program is composed of 33 credit hours of course work:
- 21 credit hours concentrate on the various aspects of school district leadership including finance, instruction, policy, and facilities.
- Nine credit hours directly address the superintendency and include a district based internship experience.
- A nine-hour cognate and one research course make up the balance of the 33 hours.

The courses are fully aligned with the South Carolina requirements for the School District Superintendent certification; completing the degree program will qualify you to receive the certification. If you go on to a doctoral program, hours from this degree can generally be counted toward that program.

The program is geared toward school leaders who aspire to work in any district-wide leadership positions and is required for those serving as a superintendent.

What kinds of work will I be able to do?
The Ed.S. degree meets the requirements for School District Superintendent in South Carolina and prepares you for a variety of district-wide leadership positions.

Administrators will increase their marketability for important district-level positions and be better able to address the many challenges faced by school district leaders.

Typical Course Work
The Ed.S. is a highly interactive program. All courses in the Educational Leadership department were recently updated and revised to accommodate an eight-week format and online instruction.

Our instructors employ the best in online instructional techniques and strategies including discussion boards, case studies, simulations, PowerPoint presentations, readings, and research projects.

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