

# Unlock Your Leadership Potential with the Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in Applied Teacher Leadership.

## Advance Your Career with a 30-Credit Hour Ed.S. Degree

The Ed.S. in Applied Teacher Leadership Program is designed for certified teachers ready to elevate their instructional leadership skills! For teachers who aim to become leaders in education without assuming supervisory positions like Principal or Superintendent of schools, this degree focuses on the connectedness of strong curriculum, coaching, mentorship, and research for school improvement.

### Why Choose the Ed.S. at USC Upstate?

We offer you a balanced, performance-based approach, blending essential training with the professional development needed to lead and mentor other educators effectively. As a graduate from USC Upstate, you will:

- **Design and Implement Professional Learning:** Lead initiatives that respond to the needs of students and fellow educators.
- **Promote School Culture:** Collaborate with stakeholders to create a school environment that fosters continuous improvement and opportunities.
- **Master Curriculum and Instructional Alignment:** Apply comprehensive curriculum knowledge to optimize instruction, assessment, and standards.
- **Model Best Practices:** Serve as a mentor and coach, guiding other educators in effective teaching strategies.
- **Drive Data-Driven Improvements:** Design assessments, analyze data, and implement changes that enhance teaching and learning.
- **Apply Research to Practice:** Conduct and utilize research to drive educational improvements and innovations.





## Real-World Application

Your growth as a leader will be measured through performance-based projects that directly impact the schools and districts you serve. In partnership with educational institutions, you will develop meaningful products that showcase your competencies and contribute to the improvement of your professional environment.

## Learn More:



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## Program Objectives

As a candidate, you will:

- **Foster a collaborative culture** to enhance educator development and student learning.
- **Access and use research** to refine teaching practices and improve student outcomes.
- **Promote** continuous professional learning and growth.
- **Facilitate instructional** improvements for better student performance.
- **Champion** the use of data and assessments to drive school and district-wide improvements.
- **Strengthen partnerships** with families and the community.
- **Advocate** for both student learning and the teaching profession.

## Curriculum Overview

Year 1

- **Fall:** Professional Leadership and Mentoring | Ethics, Law, and Policy in PK-12 Education (6 credit hours)
- **Spring:** Curriculum and Instruction | Assessment and Data Analysis (6 credit hours)
- **Summer:** Advocacy in Education | Principles of Coaching and Curriculum (6 credit hours)

Year 2

- **Fall:** School Improvement and Professional Development | Bridging Research & Practice (6 credit hours)
- **Spring:** Seminar in Teacher Leadership | Practicum in Teacher Leadership (6 credit hours)

## Take the Next Step in Your Leadership Journey

Are you ready to lead? Enhance your career and make a lasting impact in education with the Ed.S. in Applied Teacher Leadership.

