



## Admission Requirements: Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership/Administration

In order to meet minimum University admission requirements, an applicant must have:

- **A graduate degree with at least a 3.5 GPA** – An earned graduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution, or a comparable degree from an international institution, with a minimum 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) grade point average (GPA)
- **GRE test scores** – Official test results are required from the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The Educational Testing Service (ETS) does not retain scores longer than five years. If your test scores are older than five years, you may have to retake the test to have official scores sent directly to FSU from the testing agency. If you have the official report that was mailed to your home address for older scores, then FSU will accept that report. FSU Institution Code: 5219.

Target Scores:

Verbal – 149

Quantitative – 147

Analytical Writing – 3.5

**NOTE:** The GRE requirement can be waived for outstanding applicants meeting ONE of the following criteria:

- **10 years of professional experience in an educational setting with at least 5 years in a leadership role.** Note: Applicants seeking a waiver under this condition are required to submit an additional document that provides specific details regarding their leadership experiences and the leadership skills acquired through these experiences. Further, applicants seeking a waiver under this condition are required to have at least one of the three letters of recommendation from a direct supervisor that provides specific details regarding their leadership experiences and the leadership skills acquired during these experiences.
- **A completed doctorate degree in another field or discipline (e.g., J.D. or M.D.) with a 3.0 (or better) GPA from a North American accredited institution.**
- **A completed master's degree or Ed.S. degree with a 3.75 (or better) GPA from a North American accredited institution.**

Applicants must provide evidence to satisfy the criteria being applied. Note: Applicants with a competitive GRE score will still be able to apply to the program and will not be held to these additional criteria.

Please complete the GRE Waiver Request form at <https://connect.fsu.edu/register/ELPSGREWaiver>.

- **Language proficiency test scores** – International applicants whose first language is not English, and who have not studied in an English-speaking country for at least an academic year, must submit language proficiency test scores.



Target Scores:

TOEFL (paper-based) – 550

TOEFL (internet-based) – 80

IELTS – 6.5

MELAB – 77

- **Transcripts** – Applicants must submit an official transcript (in a sealed envelope) from each college and/or university attended **to the Office of Graduate Admissions**. Transfer credit posted on the records of other institutions is not accepted in lieu of transcripts from the original institutions. Official transcripts for these credits must also be submitted. Transcripts are considered official when they bear an official seal and signature and are sent from the issuing college or university directly to Florida State. FSU transcripts or official transcripts already on file will be obtained by the Office of Graduate Admissions. Original documents or signed, officially certified photocopies of original documents may be submitted by the student only when institutions outside the United States will not send academic records to other institutions. The verifying signature should be that of an officer of the institution attended. All academic records that are not in English must be accompanied by certified English translations. Certified documents should be true copies that are signed and dated by an educational official familiar with academic records. Documents signed by a notary or other public official with no educational affiliation will not be accepted. The address for submitting transcripts is:

Florida State University  
Office of Graduate Admissions  
314 Westcott Building  
P.O. Box 3061410  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2400  
USA

**The following supporting documents must be uploaded to the Admissions Application Portal:**

- **Statement of purpose:** The purpose statement should describe your purpose for pursuing a degree, qualifications, and long-term career goals. Additionally, please include how your research, work and life experiences have prepared you for the FSU doctoral program. Please answer in approximately 500 words.
- **Research Statement:** From among the most significant issues in education/organizations today, what specific problem of practice are you interested in investigating during your doctoral study? Please answer in approximately 500 words.
- **Letters of recommendation** (3 required) – Must be on official letterhead. Your letters of recommendation should speak to your ability to perform and succeed at coursework and research at the doctoral level.
- **Resume/Curriculum Vitae** (1 required)



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- **Unofficial Transcripts** – Include transcripts from all colleges attended. Uploading a copy will expedite the review process, though you must still send official copies to the Office of Admissions.

Please note: The program code you will select in the application is **Edd: LEADADMNED**