

November 1, 2008

Dear Educational Leadership Student:

Please read this message carefully. After January 2009, changes will affect your degree and certification/licensure.

Are you seeking certification in Georgia?

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) has made changes regarding the testing requirement for the L5 leadership certificate. The Praxis II test has been phased out and the PSC now requires the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (**GACE**) test. <http://www.gace.nesinc.com/>. Georgia also requires completion of a “state approved program” in Educational Leadership.

New students completing the EdS degree are only eligible to receive the L5 under the new requirements (Transition students completing their degree prior to Sept. 2009 may also be eligible for an L6. Please check the latest interpretation from the GAPSC Web site). Upon administrative employment using the L5, students will need to complete a state of Georgia approved EdS or EdD in Educational Leadership to achieve the PL-6. The EdS used for the L5 will not meet this requirement.

The Fischler School of Education and Human Services offers you **two state approved choices** of an online degree track: **Option A** requires the Florida Educational Leadership Exam (FELE); and **Option B** which requires the passing of the Praxis II or GACE as indicated below. There is a one-course difference between the two options (EL600 vs. EDL545). Both are 36 credit programs.

Option A			Option B	
Master’s	Ed. Specialist	Mod Core	Master’s	Ed. Specialist
EDU 5000	EDU 5000	EDU 5000	EDU 5000	EDU 5000
CUR 526	EDU 708 or EDU 714	EDL 506	CUR 526	EDU 708 or EDU 714
EDL 506	EDL 702		EDL 506	EDL 702
EDL 550	EDL 750	EDL 550	EDL 550	EDL 750
EDL 510	EDL 710	EDL 510	EDL 510	EDL 710
EDL 500	EDL 700	EDL 500	EDL 500	EDL 700
EDL 530	EDL 730	EDL 530	EDL 530	EDL 730
EDL 505	EDL 705	EDL 505	EDL 505	EDL 705
EDL 520	EDL 720	EDL 520	EDL 520	EDL 720
EDL 525	EDL 725	EDL 525	EDL 525	EDL 725
EL 600	EL 600	EL 600	EDL 545	EDL 745
EL 699	EL 699	EL 698	EL 699	EL 699
Florida Educational Leadership Exam (FELE)			Nevada – no exit test	

<p>Those seeking licensure outside of Florida, if admitted to the NSU Educational Leadership program prior to August 1, 2008 can complete the Florida State approved Educational Leadership program with passing the EL 600 and the successfully passing GACE or Praxis II test, whichever is appropriate for their state.</p>	<p>Georgia – Praxis II if passed by March 2008 OR GACE</p>
	<p>Other states – as required by your DOE. If none is required, the Praxis II is the exit exam.</p>
	<p>Any non-Florida student admitted on or after August 1, 2008 should follow this option</p>

Are you seeking certification/licensure in a state other than Florida, Georgia, or Nevada?

Each state has different requirements for certification in educational leadership / administration. It is extremely important that you consult with your state department of education to verify if this degree program will satisfy their requirements. Nova Southeastern University does not award certification to any student rather students must meet the specified requirements as outlined by the awarding state where certification/licensure is being sought.

Here is a list of each state department of education:

http://wdcrobcop01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/org_list.cfm?category_ID=SEA#I

We recommend that you complete the **online Option B** state approved program. This track does NOT require the Florida Educational Leadership Exam (FELE). You must submit passing scores from the test required by YOUR residing state. The MS and EdS Program Outlines are posted online at http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/gtep/programoutline/nevada_programs.html

Are you seeking Educational Leadership in Florida?

If you are seeking certification in educational leadership, follow the Program Outlines that are posted on the Fischler School of Education Web page at

http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/gtep/programoutline/gtep_florida.html

Note: The December 2008 administration is the last time the “old” FELE will be administered. If you have not taken the test yet, we recommend that you wait and take the “new” FELE in 2009. There will be no more opportunities to retake a section if you do not pass all parts of the “old” FELE. For more FELE information, visit the Florida Department of Education’s Web site: <http://www.fldoe.org/asp/fele/>.

Are you seeking an Educational Specialist (EdS) degree in Educational Leadership?

As of August 2008, the curriculum changed for all EdS Educational Leadership students. You must take **700 level courses** beginning with fall 2008. Any courses credited prior to Fall 2008 that met the previous Program Outline will be recognized for credits towards the degree.

Option A: State approved program:

<http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/gtep/programoutline/florida/edls.pdf>

Option B: State approved program:

[http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/gtep/programoutline/nevada/nv_edl_eds.pdf](http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/gtep/programoutline/nevada/nv_edl_edl_eds.pdf)

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