

NCEE – University Partnerships

Higher Ed Institution	Degree Offered	Credits Waived for NISL
Delta State University <i>Cleveland, MS</i>		Up to 15 hours
Freed Hardeman University <i>Henderson, TN</i>	Ed.S. or Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership	Up to 18 hours
Lee University <i>Cleveland, TN</i>	Doctorate in Leadership	6
Lincoln Memorial University <i>Harrogate, TN</i>	Doctor of Education <i>Qualified school leaders who hold an Ed Specialist (Ed.S.) degree and have completed the NISL Program may receive additional doctoral credit hours</i>	15
Nova Southeastern University <i>Fort Lauderdale, FL*</i>	Doctor of Education with concentration in Ed. Leadership	9 (out of 54)
	Master of Science in Leadership	9 (out of 31)
Saint Leo University <i>Saint Leo, FL</i>	Ed.D. Educational Leadership	9 (out of 57)
Samford University <i>Birmingham, AL</i>	Ed.S. educational specialist program	12 hours
San Diego State University <i>San Diego, CA</i>	Ed.D.	1 year toward a 3-year program (dependent on successful dissertation defense. Coursework can be streamlined based on completion of NISL)
Southern Utah University <i>Cedar City, UT</i>		
Union University <i>Jackson, TN</i>		15
University of La Verne LaFetra College of Education <i>La Verne, CA</i>	Doctoral Program in Organizational Leadership	12 (out of 54) in 3 rd year of the program
University of Memphis <i>Memphis, TN</i>	Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	15
University of Mississippi <i>Oxford, MS</i>	Doctorate in Ed. Leadership	6 elective
University of North Florida <i>Jacksonville, FL</i>		
Western Kentucky University <i>Bowling Green, KY</i>	Ed.S.	NISL's ALP accepted as 6-hour research component
William Carey University <i>Hattiesburg, MS</i>	Ed.D.	9-12 hours depending on each candidate's transcript

**national low-residence, online option*

In Discussion

American College of Education—Indianapolis, IN (100% online option)
Auburn University—Auburn, AL
St. Thomas University—Miami Gardens, FL
Tennessee State University—Nashville, TN
University of Alabama—Birmingham
University of Alabama—Huntsville
University of Kentucky—Lexington
Western Illinois University—Macomb, IL

Alternate Route

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) uses the EDP as an Alternative Pathway to Level I Administrator Certification. EDP completion falls under Pathway 2 (Master's Degree—NISL EDP—Praxis Exam—LDOE Waiver Request).

MS Community College Foundation/MS Dept. of ED (MAPQSL) Alternate Route Certification for Ed Leadership: Degree awarded as an add-on to any Masters Degree--no other credits are required for the certification.

State Continuing Ed Credits

Massachusetts offers 181 professional development points (PDPs) and we, as vendors issue the PDPs. MA DOE is recognizing NISL as the leadership skills training portion of a portfolio administrator route to licensure. (MS has the same as an alternate program for certification)

Mississippi offers 20 Semi credits per unit, 1 OSL credit per unit, and 1.2 CEU's
Administrators need 70 SEMI every 5 years for re-certification
Beginning Administrators need 5 OSL's for initial certification
Instructional coaches and staff need 10 CEU's every 5 years for re-certification

Pennsylvania awards 60 hours for completion of each course. There are 3 courses with 4 units per course. The credit is awarded for the out-of-class work as well as the cohort training.

In Tennessee, Administrators are required to earn TASL credits if they spend 50% or more of their time in direct delivery of instructional services to the following: teachers, principals, and/or other educators in administrative or supervisory positions. Directors of Schools may choose to mandate any district position at their discretion. Administrators in positions required to earn TASL credit must earn 28 hours of TASL credit every two years. TN offers TASL Credit for EDP and Institutes.

The Alabama State Department of Education requires the professionals who hold administrative certificates earn Professional Learning Units (PLUs) and other professional educators earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Alabama offers PLU Credit for EDP and Institutes.