



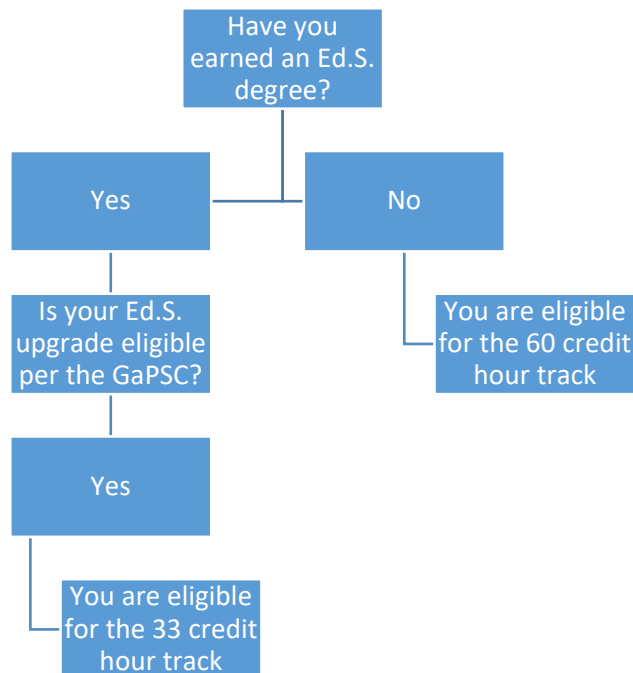
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The School Improvement Doctoral Program will begin a new 33-credit track in spring 2025. Eligible applicants must hold an Ed.S. degree in an upgradable field recognized by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC). The field in which the Ed.S. was earned will serve as the Area of Concentration in the doctoral degree. Our program is approved by the GaPSC to upgrade all teaching, service, and leadership fields in the State of Georgia.

School Improvement Doctoral Program Additional FAQ

1. I am interested in the school improvement doctorate. How do I know if I should apply for the new 33-credit track or the 60-credit hour track?

Answer:



2. What do I need to qualify for the 33-credit track?

Answer: Applicants eligible for the 33-credit track must have an earned Ed.S. degree resulting in an upgradable field per the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. This Ed.S. serves as the area of concentration in the doctoral degree.



3. How do I know if my Ed.S. is upgrade eligible?

Answer: Please contact and verify with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

4. I want a different area of concentration in the doctoral program than the Ed.S. I earned. Is that possible?

Answer: Applicants wanting to pursue a different area of concentration outside of the Ed.S. are eligible for the 60-credit track. To be eligible for the 33 credit track applicants must pursue the area of concentration in their upgradable Ed.S. area.

5. What specific areas of concentration are upgrade eligible in the doctoral program?

Answer: Our program is approved to upgrade all teacher, service, and leadership fields recognized by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

6. How long does the program take?

Answer: The 60-credit hour track can be finished in three years. The 33-credit track can be completed in two years.

7. When does the program start?

Answer: We will start the first cohorts for the 33-credit track this upcoming spring 2025. The 33-hour track will admit for spring and summer. The 60-hour track will admit for summer only.

8. When can I apply? What is the deadline?

Answer: The application portal for the 33-credit hour program will be open in August. Application deadline for Spring 2025 will be November 1, 2024.

The 60-credit hour program admits for summer semesters, and the deadline will be April 1, 2025. The application for Summer 2025 is currently open.

9. Who can I contact if I want additional program information?

Answer: If you are interested in more information about the 33-credit track specifically, please submit your information at [THIS](#) link. We will send out regular updates on application portal opening, admissions deadlines, etc. Please also reach out to us at eddsi@westga.edu with any questions.