



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP™
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NISL – University Partnerships

Higher Ed Institution	Degree Offered	Credits Waived for NISL
Alverno College <i>Milwaukee, WI</i>		24
Delta State University <i>Cleveland, MS</i>		Up to 15
Fitchburg State University <i>Fitchburg, MA</i>	M.Ed. (licensure or non) CAGS	16 (out of 39)
Freed Hardeman University <i>Henderson, TN</i>	Ed.S. or Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership	Up to 18 hours
Gardner-Webb University <i>Boiling Springs, NC*</i>	Ed.D. Executive Leadership	15 (out of 63)
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 also receive additional doctoral credit hours</i>	15
Lindenwood University <i>St. Charles, MO</i>	MS Degree	6 hours
Missouri State University	MS in Ed. Administration Ed. Sp. in Administration MILE Program (selected individuals engaged in coursework where NISL and classes in operation/budget/ research are taught through continuous modules) resulting in an MS in Ed or Ed. Sp. in Administration	9 hours 9 hours 18 (out of 36 hours)
Nova Southeastern University <i>Fort Lauderdale, FL*</i>	Doctor of Education with concentration in Ed. Leadership Master of Science in Leadership	9 (out of 54) 9 (out of 36)
Plymouth State University <i>Plymouth, NH</i>	Master of Education Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS)	12
Samford University <i>Birmingham, AL</i>	Ed.S. educational specialist program	12 hours
Southwest Baptist University	MS in Ed. Administration	11 hours



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<i>Bolivar, MO</i>	MS in Ed. – Lead Teacher Ed. Sp. in Administration	9 hours 6 hours
St. Louis University		50 internship hours
Union University <i>Jackson, TN</i>		15
University of Memphis <i>Memphis, TN</i>	Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	15
University of Minnesota <i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	Doctorate	12 elective
University of Mississippi <i>Oxford, MS</i>	Doctorate in Ed. Leadership	6 elective
University of Missouri at Kansas City		6 educational specialist college credits
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

- Auburn University—Auburn, AL
- Cardinal Stritch University—Milwaukee, WI
- Jackson State University—Mississippi
- Mississippi State University—Mississippi
- St. Joseph’s University—Philadelphia, PA
- 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

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 45 hours for completing Course 1; 60 hours for Course 2; and 75 hours for Course 3. 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.