

Teacher Leader

The Ed.S. program in Teacher Leadership provides teachers with an avenue for career enhancement and advancement. This program prepares teachers for serving as professional development facilitators, instructional coaches, lead teachers, department chairs, curriculum coordinators, and program area specialists.

Through the standards-based approach of UAB's Ed.S. Teacher Leader program, teachers learn state-of-the-art instructional strategies for meeting the evolving needs of diverse learners within today's rapidly changing society. They acquire collaborative skills to serve as reflective practitioners and dynamic leaders in guiding school change and effectiveness. They also learn mentoring techniques for positively impacting student achievement and school improvement.

At UAB, the Teacher Leader program was designed with an executive delivery model. As such, it is accessible to teachers who live at a distance from UAB and also to those who prefer to take courses in non-traditional delivery formats. Courses are delivered through blended instruction (face-to-face alternating with online) and totally online platforms as well as through professional learning communities. This 30-hour program contains six 5-hour modules. Each of these modules consists of a 3-hour content course, a 1-hour research course (R), and a 1-hour field experience course (L). Teachers concentrate on one academic focus per term by taking one module at a time. Moreover, by enrolling in 5 graduate credit hours per term, they are eligible for financial aid during each of the program's 6 semesters. The EdS Teacher Leader program has a rolling admission, and students can start any semester.

For additional information about the Ed.S. Teacher Leader program, please contact Dr. Susan Spezzini, Program Director, at spezzini@uab.edu (205-934-8357).

For detailed information regarding admission requirements for the School of Education graduate programs, please visit the Admissions Requirements website at <https://www.uab.edu/education/student-services/admission-requirements>.