

**Routes that lead to Educational Leader certification**, which is the authorization needed by those who fill school and district educational leadership positions (e.g., assistant principal, principal, parish or city supervisor of instruction, supervisor of child welfare and attendance, special education supervisor, or comparable school/district leader positions):

- [Master's Degree Path](#) -for persons seeking to earn an advanced degree and add Educational Leader certification to a valid teaching certificate
- [Alternate Path 1](#) -for persons who already hold a master's degree and are seeking to add Educational Leader certification to a valid teaching certificate via an individualized plan-of-study from a state-approved ed leader program provider
- [Alternate Path 2](#) -for persons who already hold a master's degree *in education* and are seeking to add Educational Leader certification to a valid teaching certificate via documented evidence of leadership experiences
- [Alternate Path 3](#) -for persons who already hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and are seeking to add Educational Leader certification to a valid teaching certificate through a competency-based educational leader practitioner (residency) program

*Leadership Assessment for the EDL1:*

**All** pathways to the EDL1 license require the successful completion of either the [Praxis \(SLLA\)](#) or the [Louisiana Leadership Assessment Series \(LLAS\)](#). Visit these links for more information.

*Resources:*

[Chart of State-Approved Program Providers](#)

[Educational Leaders Certification Application Packet Instructions](#)