



Great Leaders, Great Schools

Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership with Emphasis on Leadership in Turnaround Schools

Application Materials

The Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Department at USF and Hillsborough County Public Schools have been partnering together for a few years through our partnership with the Wallace Foundation to prepare administrators for leadership in turnaround schools. As a part of the district's Turnaround Leadership Pathway, we will be seeking diverse cohorts of experienced leaders who have completed PNP to pursue the Educational Specialist degree in Turnaround Leadership. Those who are accepted into the cohort will receive an official Promissory Note to be signed and notarized.

Applicants for this degree program will need to submit the following items during the open application period. At this time the application period is closed. Please review the timeline for future dates.

- A **letter of interest** to participate in the Ed.S. in Turnaround Leadership degree. Your letter should 1) describe your interest in leading a Turnaround School and goals for completing an Ed.S. in Turnaround Leadership; It should also 2) describe any specific experiences and preparation that you feel help to prepare you to engage in this emphasis of the degree; and 3) explain why you feel our district should make this long-term investment in you.
- A **resume** or curriculum vita that details your experience and accomplishments.
- A **response to a case study** (will be emailed during the application period)
- **Three letters of reference** from a supervisor, a community member, and a teacher who are familiar with your work and can provide examples of your ability and experience in at least 3 of the following areas: 1) building a strong school culture, 2) maintaining a strong focus on learning by altering the status quo, 3) holding self and staff accountable for meeting high expectations, 4) developing partnerships with the community, and 5) showing commitment to equity among all stakeholders.