

Educational Leadership – Tier I (M.A. and Certification Only)

The M.A. and the non-degree certification only program in Educational Leadership offered by Clark Atlanta University are designed to prepare teachers for leadership roles in schools or districts. These programs meet Georgia requirements for Educational Leadership certification (Tier I), but often are not recognized by other states.

The table below assesses each U.S. State and Territory as to whether Clark Atlanta University (CAU) meets the educational requirements for licensure or certification in that state for both the Master's and the Educational Leadership Certification only programs. These assessments are based on the approvals held by Clark Atlanta University in Indiana to implement a 30 credit hour master's program and an 18 credit hour certificate-only program, leading to a standard principal's license (BLA) in IN. Some states have nuanced requirements and other factors such as programmatic accreditation and participation in key interstate agreements which influences some determinations. This is a working document and is updated annually to reflect changes interstate agreements, regulatory changes, and changes in publicly available guidance on state certification and licensure websites.

Please review the table below closely to determine if the programs meet the educational requirements in the state in which you reside or intend to seek licensure or employment.

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State/Territory	Regulatory Body	Master's			Certification Only		
		Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine	Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine
Alabama	Alabama State Department of Education			X		X	
Alaska	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development – Teacher Certification Office	X			X		

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		Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine	Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine
Arizona	Arizona Department of Education		X			X	
Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Education	X			X		
California	California Commission on Teacher Credentialing	X			X		
Colorado	Colorado Department of Education Licensing Office	X			X		
Connecticut	Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Certification		X			X	
Delaware	Delaware Department of Education	X				X	
District of Columbia (DC)	District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education	X			X		
Florida	Florida Department of Education	X					X
Georgia	Georgia Professional Standards Commission	X			X		
Hawaii	Hawaii Teacher Standards Board		X			X	
Idaho	Idaho State Department of Education	X			X		
Illinois	Illinois State Board of Education	X			X		

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		Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine	Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine
Indiana	Indiana Department of Education Office of Educator Licensing	X			X		
Iowa	Iowa Board of Educational Examiners	X			X		
Kansas	Kansas State Department of Education	X			X		
Kentucky	Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board			X		X	
Louisiana	Louisiana Department of Education	X					X
Maine	Maine Department of Education	X				X	
Maryland	Maryland State Department of Education	X			X		
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Office of Educator Licensure	X			X		
Michigan	Michigan Department of Education	X					X
Minnesota	Minnesota Professional Education Licensing and Standards Board		X			X	
Mississippi	Mississippi Department of Education	X				X	
Missouri	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	X				X	

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		Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine	Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine
Montana	Montana Office of Public Instruction	X			X		
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Education			X		X	
Nevada	State of Nevada Department of Education		X			X	
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Department of Education Bureau of Credentialing	X					X
New Jersey	State of New Jersey Department of Education – Office of Certification and Induction	X				X	
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Education Department	X					X
New York	New York State Department of Education – Office of Teaching Initiatives			X		X	
North Carolina	North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	X			X		
North Dakota	North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board	X					X
Ohio	Ohio Department of Education	X			X		
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Department of Education	X			X		
Oregon	Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission	X			X		

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		Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine	Meets	Does Not Meet	Unable to Determine
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Department of Education	X			X		
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Education	X			X		
South Carolina	South Carolina Department of Education	X			X		
South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Education	X					X
Tennessee	Tennessee State Board of Education	X			X		
Texas	Texas Education Agency	X			X		
Utah	Utah State Board of Education			X			X
Vermont	Vermont Agency of Education	X			X		
Virginia	Virginia Department of Education	X			X		
Washington	Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board			X			X
West Virginia	West Virginia Department of Education	X			X		
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	X					X
Wyoming	Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board	X			X		
American Samoa	Unknown			X			X

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Guam	Guam Commission for Educator Certification	X			X		
Northern Mariana Islands	Unknown			X			X
Palau	Unknown			X			X
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Department of Education			X			X
US Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands Board of Education			X			X

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