

March 6, 2025

Dr. Judy Beck  
Dean, School of Education  
University of South Carolina–Aiken  
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Aiken, SC 29801

Dear Dr. Beck:

On Tuesday, March 4, 2025, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved University of South Carolina–Aiken’s (USC–Aiken) Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Educational Leadership program for the for the preparation and certification of teachers in the fields of Elementary and Secondary Principal, beginning with the Fall 2025 academic term.

To be eligible for principal certification, candidates must successfully complete all requirements of the approved program. This includes earning qualifying scores on the subject area assessment and pedagogy assessment, as approved by the SBE for the specific certification fields. The approved certification areas are included in the chart below.

<b>University of South Carolina—Aiken M.Ed. in Educational Leadership</b>	
<b>Certification Field</b>	<b>Grade Span</b>
Elementary Principal	PK – 8
Secondary Principal	7 – 12

This program must meet all current Expanded Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance (PADEPP) requirements. If USC–Aiken modifies the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership program, please consult the Office of Educator Services prior to implementing those changes.

Best wishes as USC–Aiken begins the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership program. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Walsh".

Jacki Walsh  
Team Lead, Educator Preparation  
Office of Educator Services

cc: Dr. Bridget Coleman, Professor, USC—Aiken; Dr. Jessica McLees, Education Associate,  
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