## **Final Selection Process**

Once the application to Graduate Studies and portfolio submission have been completed and submitted, the candidate will be invited to the Mississippi College campus to (1) submit a written response to a leadership-oriented prompt and (2) interview with an admission committee. The interview will be 15-30 minutes in length and will attempt to solicit information related to the following items:

- The candidate's motivation for entering an educational leadership program.
- The candidate's scholarly ability, and
- The candidate's leadership ability or potential.

Based upon the university-established class size and the recommendations of the admissions committee, the Director of Educational Leadership will determine the number to be admitted into each program. The Department will accept candidates into programs based on the ratings on each of the above three steps. Only those applicants who have completed all components of the application process, including the writing sample and interview, will be considered. First consideration will be given to those with the highest overall ratings. The first round of selection will begin on January 15. Depending on the number of slots remaining, additional selection will be made in March from the pool of applicants who meet the March 15th deadline. Candidates will be notified of their status by the program coordinator.