

Community College Leadership Graduate Certificate



Advancing Careers in Community College Leadership

Globalization is driving changes in our economy, and the need for an educated workforce has never been greater. The majority of new jobs that will be created by 2014 will require some postsecondary education. Without community colleges, millions of students and adult learners would not be able to access the education they need to be prepared for further education or the workplace. Community colleges often are the access point for education in a town and a real catalyst for economic development.

Institutions in the state of Missouri, and across the nation, have come to recognize the growing demand for community college leadership and administrator preparation now and in the coming decades. This 18 credit hour graduate certificate program will provide opportunities for you to gain knowledge, skills, and competencies essential to your career and professional development as a leader in higher education settings, specifically in community colleges.

Convenient, Rigorous Online Environment

This online certificate program is designed to incorporate skills and competencies put forth by the American Association for Community Colleges (AACC), including a focus on: organizational strategy, resource management, communication, collaboration, community college advocacy, and professionalism.

The certificate can be completed either in conjunction with a graduate degree program or as a free-standing credential. . This program is a collaborative effort between the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) School of Education and the University of Missouri–St. Louis (UMSL) College of Education. The program can be completed in four semesters; however, students must complete the program in three years or less.



What can you do with a Certificate in Community College Leadership?

Community colleges are in the midst of a transition brought about by the numerous retirements of administrators and faculty members, many of whom have worked at community colleges since the 1960s or 1970s. Vacancies created from retirements offer opportunities for colleges to increase diversity in leaders and faculty and to be more reflective of the communities they serve. Colleges are using this opportunity to create more inclusive staffs, and increasingly women and members of minority groups are being selected to fill leadership positions. Finally, this time also provides an opportunity to hire or promote energetic new leaders with new ideas that will help colleges respond to the new demands on higher education institutions.

Graduate Certificate Program

Graduate Certificate programs are specialized programs of study that are not degree programs but are shown on the academic transcript so that readers are aware of the concentrated program of study. Graduate Certificates are unrelated to teacher certificates. The sooner you apply for admission to the Graduate School and have your transcripts sent to UMSL, the more likely you will be admitted in time to register for courses. The deadlines for applying are:

- December 1st for the Spring Semester
- May 1st for the Summer Semester (April 1st for the early session)
- July 1st for the Fall Semester

The minimum GPA for regular admission is 3.00 in graduate work. The GRE is not required.

Innovative Education... Engaged Educators

The College of Education at UMSL offers authentic, in-depth learning experiences to prepare current and future education professionals for transformative roles in their communities and careers. Our graduate students have access to 14 endowed professors in various aspects of education and educational leadership, and benefit from working with some of the most well-respected scholars in the country. Many of our faculty members are nationally and internationally known for their scholarship and expertise.

UMSL at a glance

The University of Missouri—St. Louis is a public, research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. Founded in 1963, UMSL attracts more students than any other university in the St. Louis region.

We offer you 54 undergraduate degree choices from our five colleges. And we partner with more than 400 companies and organizations for our internship program. You'll get out of the classroom, gain practical experience, make connections and jump-start your career.



St. Louis: Something for everyone

UMSL is a vital part of St. Louis, and the city and surrounding areas make up the most culturally vibrant region in Missouri. That means we offer you more than a top-ranked learning environment.

There's a night out with friends on Washington Avenue. An exhibit opening at the Saint Louis Art Museum. A Saturday afternoon at the Saint Louis Zoo. A home-run celebration at Busch Stadium.

St. Louis is a place where you can be you.



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