GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

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

Requirements for Admission
Applicants for this certificate program must have:

- A completed application for admission
- An undergraduate degree from an accredited institution
- Two letters of recommendation

Student Learning Outcomes
Students graduating from this program will:

- Have a thorough grounding of higher education/student affairs as a field of study.
- Understand organizational, management, leadership and supervision theories and issues.
- Understand developmental theories as they relate to college students.
- Understand professional requirements and ethics of the field.
- Develop self-awareness.
- Develop multicultural competencies.
- Improve communication skill.
- Develop skills to use technology to enhance the educational experience.
- Develop the ability to analyze and interpret current research in the field.
- Increase skills to apply research.
- Improve ability to integrate and synthesize information.

Curriculum Requirements
The curriculum reflects consideration of the current issues and needs of society, of higher education, and of the student populations served by community colleges and other 2 year institutions.

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Graduate Certificate in Community College Leadership

1. Taught online by UMSL Faculty.
2. Taught by UMSL.
3. Can be taken from either institution or an approved elective from the student's home institution.

Requirements for Retention
Program candidates must maintain a minimum grade of “B” in all classes or a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 Scale.

Time Limit for Completion
The program can be completed in four semesters; however, students must complete the program in three years or less.