CHARTER/SMALL SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

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Introduction/Overview

The Certificate in Charter/Small School Leadership consists of 9 semester hours (3 classes) in one academic year. Designed for those who already have a general background in educational leadership, are already leading in a charter school, or an innovator who wants to explore creating their own school, this Certificate provides candidates with cutting-edge research, as well as with the practical skills they need to succeed in innovative charter school and small school settings.

Program Outcomes

As a result of this program, candidates will:

- Demonstrate the skills, knowledge, and dispositions to serve as an Educational Leader in California with an emphasis on the specific needs of charter school leaders
- Articulate a vision for instructional leadership that includes a strong emphasis on cultural and linguistic diversity, special education, the successful development of English Language Learners, and the parent-school relationship
- Develop an understanding of the financial and operational aspects of charter school leadership
- Demonstrate their understanding of the fundamental aspects of charter school leadership and operations through the construction of a charter school petition

Program Admission Requirements

- Online Graduate Application
- Bachelor's Degree from a Regionally Accredited Institution
- Official Transcript from all Colleges/Universities Attended, including all Community/Junior Colleges
  - Applicants who completed an undergraduate/graduate degree outside of the United States of America:
    - Official Transcript Evaluation from an approved evaluation agency that details content of coursework completed, degree equivalency, and cumulative GPA
    - Official Transcript is still needed along with Transcript Evaluation
- Cumulative Undergraduate GPA of 3.0, or 3.05 in the last 60 Undergraduate Units, a 3.0 in at least 9 Graduate Units, or Completion of a Request for Exception to GPA Requirement
- Applicants whose citizenship is from a country where English is not the primary language:
  - TOEFL or IELTS or Duolingo English Test Minimum Scores (unless a High School Diploma or a Bachelor's Degree was obtained in the United States)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
  - One Letter must be from Applicant's Employer
- Resume

Certificate Requirements

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Total Semester Hours: 9

Additional Requirement

- Charter School Petition Culminating Project