

Community College Leadership

(CCL/CCCL-ED)

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MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

department of leadership & counseling



The Graduate Certificate in Community College Leadership is a cost-effective educational route to extending knowledge and acquiring the skill set required of those in decision-making positions at community colleges.

The community college leadership program is designed with great flexibility to meet the needs of participants in scheduling coursework for those desiring to pursue graduate study while simultaneously working full-time. Through hybrid, online and face-to-face formats, condensed offerings as well as evening and weekend classes, the variety and sequence of classes will provide participants ample opportunities to actualize professional growth. The curriculum offers students a unique opportunity to receive advanced training while developing expertise in the study of professional situations through continual emphasis on linking theory with practice and research. Additionally, students will have opportunities to collaborate with peers and participate in dynamic learning activities that center on contemporary challenges and demands of leadership in community college settings. According to recent research, there are well over 1,700 public and private two-year institutions of higher learning. This unique sector of postsecondary education has increasingly been an attractive option for collegians as nearly half (46%) of all first-time

entrants and two-fifths of all postsecondary students attend community colleges (NCES, 2008)

Admission Requirements

For admission an applicant must:

1. Complete the Graduate School Application at emich.edu/graduate/apply/.
2. **ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.**
3. Have earned a valid undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution of higher education. Official transcripts must be submitted. Official electronic transcripts can be sent to transcripts_admissions@emich.edu.
4. International students must meet the language requirements of the Graduate School.
5. Applicants must have a 2.70 undergraduate GPA or a 3.0 GPA in the second half of the undergraduate program. A 3.3 GPA or better on a previous graduate degree.
6. Submit recommendations from two professional supervisors and/or supervising professors that can address the quality of the applicant's professional work.
7. Submit a resume detailing their professional and educational goals.
8. Complete a personal statement describing the reasons to pursue a graduate certificate program in community college leadership including career

and educational goals. The essay must be a minimum of 250 words and will be reviewed as an indicator of writing ability.

Admission Process

The **rolling** admission process for the certificate is as follows:

1. The Office of Admissions will receive and gather ALL required documents online.

Contact the Office of Admissions via:

Email: documents_admissions@emich.edu

Phone: 734.487.3400

2. Completed applications that contain the required GPAs, recommendation forms, and the resume will be forwarded to the coordinator of advising for the educational leadership program.
3. Completed applications will be reviewed by the faculty review committee. Those applicants who have submitted acceptable GPAs, the resume, personal statement and recommendation forms will be admitted and assigned an advisor. **The certificate program must be completed within a three-year period.**

An application may be deemed "questionable" due to a combination of low GPA, fair or poor recommendations, poor writing ability and/or statements that are inconsistent with the student's goals as an administrator. These "questionable" applications will be reviewed by the faculty who will assess verbal skills, writing skills, educational background and GPAs.

4. All applicants will be notified.
5. All decisions by the faculty regarding admissions are final.

Proposed Program of Study

The Community College Leadership Certificate consists of the basic concentration (12 -14 credit hours), and department electives (6 credit hours) for a total of 18 credit hours.

Basic Concentration (12 -14 hours)

EDLD 509 Ed. Leadership in a Pluaralistic Society (3)

EDLD 551 Contemporary College Students (3)
EDLD 632 Community College Leadership (3)
EDLD 696 Seminar in Educational Leadership (3)
Organizational Control & Administration of Community Colleges
EDLD 687 Master's Internship in Ed. Leadership (2)

Department Electives (6 hours)

For a list of approved electives you can either refer to the Graduate Catalog online at catalog.emich.edu or contact your program advisor.

Advisor Information

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Additional Department Information

Information regarding the following can be found on the department website:

- Course Substitutions / Program Changes
- Courses Outside the Program
- Internships

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