Charter School Leadership Certificate

You can do this!  You belong here.

- Attend class one weekend a month in an area close to home.
- Foster, contribute to, and engage in a network of collaborating colleagues and practicing education professionals who learn with and from each other.
- Make transformational connections with other aspiring educational leaders and take part in enlightening discussion panels with current charter school leaders.
- Understand how all aspects of charter school leadership and administration are intertwined and complementary through innovative content presented in integrated units.
- Stand at the forefront of charter education by studying leadership, relationship-building, school climate and management, professional development, and faculty and staff empowerment.
- Participate in an internship that offers comprehensive involvement and intensive practice as a charter school professional.
- Complete the certificate program to become a charter school leader in under one year.
- Some credits are transferable depending on the program selected (masters or EDAL ).

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Course Curriculum

SEMESTER ONE:
ED 659  Charter School Community, Climate, Culture  3
ED 655  Leadership Mentorship I  1
ED 663  Instructional Leadership I: Mentorship Programs, Classroom Observations, Curriculum, and Assessment  3

SEMESTER TWO:
ED 650  Technology Integration  1
ED 652  Charter Law & Governance  3
ED 656  Leadership Mentorship II  1

SEMESTER THREE:
ED 653  Human Resources & Financial Management  3
ED 664  Instructional Leadership II: School Wide Data Driven Decision Making, Interventions, IL, and SPED  3
ED 657  Leadership Mentorship II & Capstone  1

The course curriculum is subject to change. Visit SMSU.edu/catalog for updates.

"Charter school leadership is unique and requires an approach that will give new leaders a jump start and refresh experienced leaders. SMSU has partnered with practicing and experienced charter school leaders to bring an authentic approach to learning”.

Mr. Jason Ulbrich
Executive Director,
Eagle Ridge Academy

"Leadership matters: It is second only to teaching (of school-related factors) in its impact on student learning and, since leaders hire and train teachers, leadership becomes the most important factor. SMSU’s program develops the core leadership skills necessary to improve the capacity and quality of charter schools deserved by our children”.

Bonnie Topoluk
Director
Friends of Education

Admission Requirements:

- Completed application with $30 application fee
- Submit an official transcript(s) with bachelor’s degree posted
- Immunization form

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