MCLA Leadership Academy Program Details

The aim of the MCLA Leadership Academy is to prepare candidates to serve as highly effective leaders of educational institutions and active citizens in their communities. Students will learn in a variety of cultural venues, advance professional skills, be challenged to consider how equity, justice, and civil rights relate to their work, and make lasting connections with faculty and educators from around the region.

Eligibility:

• A current Initial (or higher) teaching license.
• Three years experience teaching under this license.
• A master’s degree.
• Completion of application materials including: two letters of recommendation, a letter of endorsement, a personal statement, and an official Masters degree transcript.

Location:

• Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, North Adams, MA 01247.

Schedule:

• Summer Residency 1: July 8-23, 2016
  Classes will be held during the day and some evenings, and cultural events will occur throughout the residency.
• During Academic Year: Online and weekend courses will be planned for fall 2016 (November 18-20, 2016) and spring 2017 (March 17-19, 2017).
• Summer Residency 2: Four days (July 6-9, 2017).
• Optional CAGS Summer Residency: Immediately following Summer Residency 2 (July 9-13, 2017).

Cost:

• Affordable public school pricing at $317/credit. Thus, a 3-credit course is $951.
• Summer residency is $4253. This includes 9 graduate credits, most meals, and an activities fee. Optional housing on campus is available at approximately $50/night ($750 for 15 nights).
• Students in the Leadership Academy are eligible for Alternative Educational loans. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at www.mcla.edu/Admissions/financial-aid-and-cost/index for more information.

Program:

• 31 total credits including academic courses and field work.
• Students complete 500 hours in the field including an introductory (observing and assisting) experience, an administrative project, and a Capstone experience.

For more Information:

• Visit: www.mcla.edu/Academics/graduate/leadershipacademy/leadership2016/index, for full details.
• Application review begins on December 15, 2015.
The MCLA Leadership Academy offers:

• 16 months, start-to-finish.
• 31 total credits including academic courses and field work.
• Affordable, public college tuition/fee rates.
• Accomplished and experienced faculty drawn from across the nation.
• Two-week summer residency, two-weekend residencies, and on-line courses delivered in the beautiful Berkshires.
• Designed for educators who seek to advance professionally while working.
• Internships are supported by college supervisors who travel to your home district.
• Hundreds of New York participants have used our Massachusetts approved program to acquire their New York license as school building leader (SBL) and school district leader (SDL).
• An optional 9-credit CAGS sequence is available.

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