Online graduate program for current and aspiring Catholic school leaders

The Catholic School Leadership Certificate will prepare you to:

- Apply Catholic teaching to pertinent issues in Catholic schools.
- Lead and build school faith community.
- Generate a positive Catholic culture and environment in your school.
- Understand and promote the distinctive mission and philosophy of contemporary Catholic schools.
- Know history, trends, and directions in Catholic school education.
- Inspire others to embrace a shared vision for the future.

I minister in a rural diocese with limited connections to other Catholic schools or to a Catholic University. Creighton's on-line Catholic School Leadership Program afforded me not only access to a top notch Catholic university, but the opportunity to collaborate with Catholic school leaders from across the country. I appreciate how the CSL classes and instructors encouraged me to use self-reflection of professional and personal experiences as a tool to enhance my vocational ministry. The CSL program modeled what every Catholic school should be: academically excellent and caring for the whole person; spiritually, physically, emotionally and socially.

Christine Wanjura
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Diocese of Lubbock, Texas

Advance your career

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Creighton University
The Catholic School Leadership (CSL) Certificate is a 12-credit graduate program for current and aspiring Catholic school leaders. The Creighton University Education Department and the Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic Schools Office partnered to create a framework of attributes and capabilities that are specific and necessary for effective leadership in contemporary Catholic schools. The CSL certificate is designed to actualize this framework.

The CSL program addresses the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in all of its courses. Online delivery makes the CSL certificate convenient and accessible. Substantial financial assistance provided by Creighton University in support of Catholic schools makes the coursework affordable.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

EDU 520 FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION (3 CREDITS)
This course focuses on the history and philosophy of Catholic schools. Students will study how Catholic schools have evolved over time as well as examine how their history might inform their future. Church documents will serve as the primary sources for student engagement of Catholic school mission and philosophy. Throughout the course students will apply theory to practice.
Instructor: Dr. Timothy J. Cook

EDU 602 FAITH LEADERSHIP IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (3 CREDITS)
This course provides an introduction to the teachings of the Catholic Church in these areas: creed, liturgy and Sacraments, Christian morality, Christian prayer and spirituality, Catholic social teaching, and Scripture. This course will help leaders apply Catholic Church teaching to contemporary Catholic school issues, build faith community, and foster faculty/staff formation for mission.
Instructor: Fr. Tom Simonds, S.J.

EDU 603 EDUCATIONAL AND MANAGERIAL LEADERSHIP IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (3 CREDITS)
This course is designed to investigate education leadership using the Catholic mission of the school as a focus and integrating principle. Students will also explore pertinent managerial leadership topics such as site-based management, models of shared leadership, school finance and the stewardship of school resources, and legal issues as they apply to the Catholic school setting, including school safety.
Instructor: Fr. Tom Simonds, S.J.

EDU 606 STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (3 CREDITS)
This course addresses the strategic and political dimensions of Catholic educational leadership. Topics include strategic planning, governance, networks and coalitions, political advocacy, funding, public relations, and marketing. The course stresses innovation, collaboration, and advocacy in positioning schools for the future. Course assignments emphasize practical application of theory and best practices.
Instructor: Dr. Timothy J. Cook

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

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My undergraduate and graduate programs were designed for public school educators, so I felt unprepared when I became a Catholic school principal. This program has been the single best thing I have done to understand my role as a Catholic school administrator. My staff and I have a renewed sense of mission as Catholic school educators, and this positive change has been noticed by the community.

Timothy A. Dickel
President, Mater Dei High School
Evansville, Indiana

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Karen E. Luzzo
Religion and Language Teacher
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Longs, South Carolina

Tuition
As a show of support for Catholic schools, Creighton University and its benefactors contribute 75% of tuition for this program. Candidates are encouraged to contact their school, parish, or archdiocese for additional tuition assistance.

ACCOLADES WORTH SHARING

- Ranked No. 1 in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report, 12 consecutive years
- Named a “best value” by U.S. News & World Report, Barron’s and Kiplinger
- Named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, 6 consecutive years
- Creighton University is ranked #1 in the Best Master’s Universities category in the 2014 Washington Monthly College Rankings.

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