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CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

*Online graduate program
for current and aspiring
Catholic school leaders*



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The Catholic School Leadership (CSL) Certificate is a 12-credit graduate program for current and aspiring Catholic school leaders. The CSL certificate focuses on leadership issues that are unique to Catholic schools. The program prepares graduates who possess personal attributes and professional capabilities that are specific and necessary for effective leadership in contemporary Catholic schools.

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. Reduced tuition rates, as a show of Creighton University's support for Catholic schools, make the coursework affordable.

“*Thanks to Creighton's Catholic School Leadership online program, I finally found a course of study that not only fits my busy schedule, but also focuses on my call to Catholic School administration. Each week offers relevant, thought-provoking readings and discussions where educators and administrators from around the country share practical ideas and information. Never before have I received such valuable, faith-filled instruction that will truly benefit me as a Catholic School leader.*”



Karen E. Luzzo
Principal
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Longs, South Carolina

“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

TUITION

As a show of support for Catholic schools, Creighton University charges students in the CSL program 30% of the usual tuition rate for graduate students.

Students are encouraged to contact their school, parish, or arch/diocese for additional tuition assistance.

ACCOLADES WORTH SHARING

- Ranked No. 1 in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report*, 14 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.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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 identity and mission, especially as it plays out in our 21st century context. Key concepts include Vatican II, New Evangelization, mission-centered and faith leadership, pluralism and diversity, and school charism.



STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

This course addresses the strategic and political dimensions of Catholic educational leadership. Topics include strategic planning, governance, networks and partnerships, political advocacy, new schooling models, public relations, and marketing. The course stresses entrepreneurial leadership, innovation, collaboration, and advocacy in positioning Catholic schools for the future.

SCHOOL LAW

This course provides background in constitutional law, contract law, and canon law as they affect Catholic schools. Key issues and concepts include student discipline, negligence, teacher hiring and firing, and social media. Students will use case studies and issues in their school context to apply legal principles and practice ethical decision making.

STRATEGIC RESOURCING

This course examines the means through which Catholic schools acquire, spend, and account for resources (e.g., income, personnel) to advance the school's mission. Key concepts include funding models, government-funded resources, development, enrollment management, financial planning, resource allocation, and stewardship.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE WILL PREPARE YOU TO:

- Understand and promote the distinctive mission and philosophy of contemporary Catholic schools.
- Know history, trends, and directions in Catholic school education.
- Plan strategically to increase funding and enrollment.
- Advocate for Catholic schools and their families.
- Inspire others to embrace a shared vision for the future.
- Lead and build school faith community and a positive Catholic culture.



“*Formation is indispensable; without it, the school will wander further and further away from its objectives.*”

Lay Catholics in Schools
Congregation for
Catholic Education

“ I minister in a rural diocese with limited connections to other Catholic schools or to a Catholic University. Creighton’s online 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

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