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Cal Poly Accepting Applications for ‘Fast Track’ Master’s Degree, Administrative Credential In Educational Leadership

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly’s College of Education is accepting applications for its “fast-track” master’s degree in Educational Leadership and Administration and California Preliminary Administrative Services Credential.

The program is offered as a low-residency, 11-month program that can be completed on weekends and in the summer. Designed for adult students across the state, the program combines on-campus seminars and online coursework.

According to a study by College of Education faculty members Jim Gentilucci and George Petersen, California’s “graying” population is resulting in declining enrollment, becoming a serious problem in almost all school districts in San Luis Obispo County. At the same time, K-12 enrollment is increasing in southern Monterey County, the Central Valley, and northern Santa Barbara County.

The fast-track program enables students from outside the San Luis Obispo area to earn a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership and the Administrative Services Credential from Cal Poly by attending 15 weekend seminars (Friday evenings and Saturdays) and one intensive summer session on campus in an 11-month period from August through June. Program coursework is conducted online between the weekend seminars.

“The curriculum for the fast-track program is organized and integrated around significant themes of leadership and administration, with field experience based on each quarter’s course content and student expertise,” Gentilucci said. “Instructors include Cal Poly’s nationally recognized faculty as well as outstanding practitioners, including area superintendents and principals.”

For more information, contact Jim Gentilucci at jgentilu@calpoly.edu or visit the Fast Track Program website at http://coe.calpoly.edu/ProgramsCourses/Credentials/ELAPFastTrack.html.

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