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HACU Ascend PreK-12 Leadership Program

The HACU Ascend PreK-12 Leadership Program is a cohort-based six-month program helping educators effectively lead schools and school districts in a constantly evolving landscape. Presentations and activities focus on leadership theory, educational policy and organizational management. Participants engage in practical skills for principal and superintendent career development for serving within PreK-12 schools and districts.

The inaugural program will be offered fall 2025 as a component of HACU's Institute for Professional Development and Leadership.

Who Should Apply/Nominations

Teachers, Coordinators, Supervisors, Directors, and Deans are encouraged to apply for the program.

Main Topics Areas

The topics include foundations of PreK-12 educational leadership, financials, operations and safe school management for school leaders, effective communication and technology, educational policy and advocacy issues, advice and insights for aspiring principals, and navigating the superintendent career path.

Timeline - 2025 Dates

June 6	Application/nomination deadline
June 20	Application review/selection
July 1	Final selection and notification of program participants
September 19	Program participants payment deadline
October 8	Program orientation and distribution of program materials

Program Format

The scheduling format is structured as follows:

Initial online orientation.

Seminar 1 occurs prior to the HACU Annual Conference.

Nine online webinars beginning in November and ending in March.

Participants attend both HACU's PreK-12/Higher Education Collaboration Symposium and HACU's Annual Conference as part of program requirements.

Participant Selection Criteria

Professional Experience: At least five years of full-time PreK-12 education experience.

Educational Background: Completion of at least a bachelor's degree.

Supervisory Experience: Currently serving in a supervisory position or two years of previous supervisory experience.

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