



THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS INSTITUTE

a professional development program for front line academic administrators

sponsored by

NCSU Adult and Higher Education Department
The North Carolina Community College System

The program

Community colleges across the nation are experiencing extraordinary challenges as they struggle to continue delivering high quality educational services in their communities during a period of dramatic change and fiscal restrictions. Perhaps the greatest challenge is to develop and retain campus leaders at all levels in the face of the current trend in retirements among presidents, top administrators and senior faculty.

The academic department chair is the front line of leadership in these colleges, with primary responsibility for curriculum, faculty management, student relations, budgeting and communication of institutional policies, among other tasks. Nevertheless, many chairs have had no formal training to prepare them for these roles. In most cases they are selected from the faculty ranks, where the responsibilities are substantially different. In an effort to train and support faculty within the community colleges who show the interest and potential for this important role, the Adult and Community College Department at NCSU and the North Carolina Community College System have formed a partnership to provide a professional development experience focused specifically on this administrative level.

Who should attend

New and experienced academic administrators who lead academic departments and similar units.

Curriculum areas

Overview of the community college sector in American higher education; leadership skills and career planning; nurturing faculty; excellence in teaching and learning; managing change; conflict resolution; communication skills; time management, more. Participants will assess their leadership skills, draft an individual professional development plan and join a network of academic leaders for continued training and support.

2007-2008 Seminar dates

- October 17-19, 2007 James Sprunt Community College, Kenansville, NC
 Applications due October 1, 2007

- March 12 – 14, 2008 Gaston College, Dallas, NC
 Applications due February 15, 2008

Maximum 25 participants will be accepted for each seminar.

Registration fee: \$450 (\$475 for application received after deadline)

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APPLICATION FORM 2007-2008

Personal Data

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Work address: _____

Work telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Your Department

Current position: _____

Years in this position: _____

Number of people supervised: _____

Number of programs supervised: _____

Number of students enrolled in these programs annually: _____

Professional Affiliations

Previous Leadership Training

Preferred Workshop Dates and Location

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NOTES: This is a selective program; please do not send payment until accepted into the Institute. Participants must attend the entire seminar to receive certificate of completion. No refunds.