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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF HEAD START PROFESSIONALS...

Credentials, licenses and trainings are among the most important characteristics when selecting centers of excellence staff!

What is an HSU Credential?

Our **credential** is an academic career advancement program and a 12-36 week training curriculum. The program is designed to convert to college credits for higher education degrees. Students who are enrolled in our credential program are building a transcript that can be used to meet their academic requirements or professional licensing requirements. As an education partner with over 50 universities around the US, HS University can offer education and professional development courses targeted for the best benefit for meeting Head Start professional development needs. We have aligned with each university partner a curriculum that is designed to meet Head Start competency standards as well as the academic credit that will transfer to college credits or continuing education units (CEUs). Our credential programs have assignments that are matched to real Head Start situations so students can use strategies learned for their current positions to maintain compliance and program service quality.

HS University's credentials also builds upon previously earned credentials, thereby cutting professional development cost for programs. Credit for previous credentials earned from other Universities or training programs will require a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) to be completed. For a credential upgrade assessment, call today at 1-888-282-7817.



Why do I need a credential?

The true value of an education is where it can take your program. At HS University, we strive to make our education work around your schedule. To help you succeed as a program as well as a student. We offer flexible scheduling with the option to attend classes from your desk at work, via online through Blackboard Learn, or at a regional conference campus location near you. Having a credential from HS University makes all the difference. HS University's credentials are recognized by Federal teams as exemplary models that can implement comprehensive, innovative and targeted approaches to enhance program services.



STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD



How to get started earning your credential...

Start your journey now!
Request a candidate application today! Visit us online at www.hsuniversity.org

Step 1: Plan...

Choosing the right credential should be based on your professional development goals, program's mission and your program's desire for excellence in service. There are two (2) types of credential programs to choose from:

- **Administrator Credential**
- **Supervisor Credential**

Step 2: Train...

Next find the right training method that best fits your learning style and schedule. HS University offers classroom training, online classes through Blackboard Learn, and LIVE Online. Training presented the way you want to attend. You decide the best method of training based on your program goals, personal and your federal requirements.

“Programs are only as good as the staff they hire.”

CAROL MOORE, PHD

Step 3: Test...

Finally, schedule to take your exams. Each credential requires a certain number of exams completed in order to complete the credential. Here's a breakdown of exam requirements:

- **Administrator** requires the completion of **one (1)** exam.
- **Supervisor** requires the completion of **two (2)** exams.

Credential Cost starting at \$1495.00!

Each credential includes the following cost:

- **Application Fee** —Candidates seeking a credential must complete the candidate's application/assessment and pay the application fee. Application fee is **\$485** per person.
- **Training Cost**—candidates must attend each required training course. Training cost start at **\$695** per person for a 2-day LIVE Online. Cost for a 6 weeks Online course is **\$990**. Student Practicum cost start at **\$695** per person. Train the Trainer courses taken online start at **\$990** per person.
- **Take Exams**— each credential has a minimum exam requirement. Exams are **\$185** per exam. Students must pass exams. Exam fees are non refundable.
- **Coursebooks**—Candidate must purchase the appropriate required books to participate in each program. Course book cost can be up to **\$335** per coursebook.
- **Technology Fee** —Candidate must participate in online discussion via Blackboard Learn™ and receive regulatory updates and information. Technology fee is **\$295** per person.

Total cost starts at... \$1495 per person* (For the administration Credential which is a over 20% savings from \$1995 per person)

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What type of credentials are offered and how long does it take to complete?..

HS University offers two types of credentials. Each credential is a process that consists of the attainment of a specific

skill level and knowledge of regulations and the assessing of the candidate's educational background and experience. A credential is then awarded to the professional who meets the standards set for the content area. The credential program is designed as a valid and reliable measure of a candidate's understanding of the core regulations related to a content area. Candidates enrolled in the credential program acquire a skill set of the best practices and procedural methods for implementing, monitoring and managing regulations within a school environment.

Administrator Credential - (12 Weeks in Length)

The administrator credential validates your ability to manage, monitor and implement content area environments in a Head Start program. It reflects a unique set of skills required to succeed in a variety of job roles, such as administrator, center manager, program manager, coordinator, or management specialist. 12 weeks include 6 weeks of training and 2 weeks for exam, portfolio completion and the credential award process.

Supervisor Credential - (24 Weeks in Length)

The supervisor credential encompasses those abilities obtained in the administrator credential but focuses more on the management and leadership roles. This credential produces professional leaders and consultants who demonstrate and maintain technical expertise and who apply their skills to today's Head Start program's mission statements, leadership quality and management excellence. 24 weeks include 12 weeks of training and 12 weeks for exams, portfolio completion and the credential award process.

