



ASCEND PreK-12 Leadership Program

Elevate Your Leadership. Sustain Your Impact.

HACU's Ascend PreK-12 Leadership Program is a national professional learning experience for PreK-12 educators and rising leaders navigating today's complex education landscape. Rooted in the science of resilient leadership, it connects research and real-world practice helping leaders sustain themselves, strengthen their teams, and create schools where both adults and students can thrive.

Who Should Apply/Nominations

PreK-12 educators, rising and current leaders with at least 1.5 years of experience seeking to deepen their leadership. Ideal for teachers, coordinators, specialists, and new principals.

Main Topic Areas

Participants explore practical strategies across resilient leadership, team culture, policy and compliance, family partnership, cross-sector collaboration, and funding innovation. Each session pairs a national researcher with a practicing PreK-12 leader providing one resource participants can use immediately.

Timeline

- November - January 10: Priority Applications/Nominations
- January 14: Scholarship Applicants Notified
- January 20: First Online Webinar

Program Format

Fully online January 20 – May 5, 2026

Interactive 90-minute sessions.

Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. CT.

One monthly session - Jan., Feb., and May.

Two monthly sessions - March and April.

Participants earn 16 CEU hours and receive a Certificate of Completion.

Funding/Cost

20 fully funded scholarships provided for priority applications.

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