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Credential *focus*

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 a academic collegiate degree-seeking program. It is not a one-time training. Our credential program is designed to convert to college credits toward higher education degrees. Students who are enrolled in our credential program are building a college transcript that can be used to meet the educational requirements of professional degree programs. As an education partner with University of Phoenix, we can offer education and professional development programs targeted for Head Start professionals. University of Phoenix and HS University have aligned a curriculum designed to meet Head Start competency standards. Our credential programs have shaped assignments to real Head Start situations students encounter in their programs to help apply to their jobs and program quality.

HS University credentials build upon previously earned credentials thereby cost may be less than the costs listed,. based upon the type of credential earned from other Universities or training programs. For a breakdown of a credential without any other previously earned credentials, see page 2.



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, or at a conference campus location near you. Having a credential from HS University makes all the difference. HS University's credential is recognized by Federal teams as exemplary models that can implement comprehensive, innovative and targeted approaches to enhance program services.



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 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, and self-study courseware. Training presented the way you want to attend. You decide the best method of training based on program, personal and your family 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 passed in order to complete the program. Here's a breakdown of exam requirements:

- **Administrator** requires the completion of **two (2)** exams.
- **Supervisor** requires the completion of **four (4)** exams.

SMART BUDGETING: Credential Cost

Each credential includes the following cost:

- **Application Fee** — Candidates seeking a credential must complete the candidate's application and pay the application fee. App fee is **\$485** per person.
- **Training**—candidates must attend a 2-5 day training event. Starting cost is **\$595** per person. (For supervisor, a 3 week management course must be completed. Add \$990 per person.)
- **Take Exams**— each credential has a minimum exam requirement. Exams are **\$185** per exam. Students must pass exams with a 75% score. Exam fees are non refundable.
- **Coursebooks**— Candidate must purchase the appropriate required books to participate in each program. Course book cost is **\$200** per person.
- **Technology Fee** — Candidate must participate in online discussion and regulatory updates. Technology fee is **\$220** per person.

Total cost... **\$1495 per person*** (A 25% savings)

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**Add \$990 for Supervisor*



What type of credentials are offered?...

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

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.

Supervisor Credential

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.