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SAMPLE COURSES
- Foundations of Urban Education
- Foundations in Leadership in Education
- Foundations in Learning
- Power, Diversity and Equity
- Leadership Enactment
- Research Methods
- Communicating as Leaders

TUITION
Tuition for 2020–21 is $1,995 per unit.
- Year 1: 18 units
- Year 2: 17 units
- Year 3: 8 units
Total: 43 units

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT
Scholarships starting at $10,000 are awarded to exemplary applicants. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, demonstrated dedication to advancing educational equity and other distinguishing characteristics. Applicants who complete an application by rounds one or two will receive primary consideration.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
Applicants for this program must have a master’s degree, a minimum three years of relevant full-time work experience and leadership experience.
- Online application
- Transcripts for application review from each postsecondary institution attended
- Official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended
- Résumé/CV
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- International applicants only: TOEFL or IELTS scores
- $90 nonrefundable application fee
- Video essays
- Timed writing assessment

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