Ohio University
Educational Public Policy Leadership Certificate (EPPLC)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is the online Educational Public Policy Leadership Certificate (EPPLC) Program?

• EPPLC is an online 12-credit hour graduate certificate program designed to expose participants to real-world theoretical and practical instruction and experiences in education public policy leadership studies. The program will last one year from January to December and will offer seven online 1 – 2 credit hour courses that will last five weeks each. EPPLC will provide opportunities for online coursework and inquiry in education public policy. The one-year program experience will also include a face-to-face networking residency and capstone presentation experience that will enable participants to interface with their peers and key professionals in the public policy arena. Faculty from OU will deliver engaging course sessions with guest lectures from practitioners and leaders in varied aspects of public policy.

2. What type of professionals would benefit from the EPPLC program?

• Individuals working in positions involving K-12 education, higher education, legislative affairs, school boards, educational professional organizations, non-governmental and civic organizations, foundations, think tanks focused on education issues, lobbying etc.

3. How do I apply for the EPPLC program?

• Students can apply for the EPPLC program by accessing the application using the following link: Apply Here

4. How long is the EPPLC program and how many courses are required?

• The EPPLC is a year-long program from January to December.
• Participants are required to complete eight (8) online courses and complete a three-day residency in Washington DC.

5. How many courses are offered each semester and what is the sequencing?

• A total of two to three courses are offered each semester and each course will run consecutively for five weeks each. The year begins in the spring semester and goes
through the fall. There are three (3) courses in both the spring and summer semester and the final semester includes two (2) courses, including the residency.

6. Can we pick and choose courses?

- This program is designed to build from one course to the next. Therefore, participants will be required to take all courses in sequence and will not be able to pick and choose courses.

7. What is the cost for the online EPPLC program?

- The total cost for the online EPPLC program is $570/credit hour. This does not include the cost of the culminating capstone residency experience in Washington, DC.
- Participants will be required to cover their travel expenses for the three-day capstone residency experience in Washington, DC.

8. When will the fees be due?

- Participants will receive a term bill following registration each semester. Students can access specific billing questions at the Bursar’s website using the following link: https://www.ohio.edu/bursar

9. Can apply federal financial aid to this certificate?

- This certificate is not financially-aid eligible. However, tuition reimbursement, other scholarships, and professional development funds can be used for the certificate program.

10. What is the three day EPPLC residency in Washington D.C.? Also, what are the dates for the 2019 residency?

- The three-day residency is the face to face culminating experience for certificate participants and will take place in Washington, D. C. Participants will have the opportunity interface with their cohort members, to network and policy and decision makers in the policy making sphere, participate in seminars and present their final projects.
- The dates for the 2019 residency are December 8th, 2019 beginning at 4:00pm to December 11th, 2019 at 11:30am.

11. What are the benefits to participating in the EPPLC program?

- Participants will have an understanding of the education policy-making process including education public policy development, analysis, implementation, evaluation and advocacy.
- Participants will be equipped with knowledge and skills that will increase their employability in the education public policy arena.
12. What are the requirements for admission/participation in the EPPLC program?

- Admissions requirements include the following: Bachelor’s degree (undergraduate transcript(s), curriculum vitae or resume and a statement of purpose.

13. What is the deadline for applying to participate in the first cohort for the EPPLC program?

- The deadline is November 30th, 2018.

14. If I am in another degree program at Ohio University can I enroll in the EPPLC program?

- The University does not allow students to be enrolled in multiple programs simultaneously, however, students are welcome to apply to the EPPLC following the completion of their other degrees.

15. What resources are needed to participate in the EPPLC program?

- Participants will need access to a computer and the internet to participate in the program. Students will also need to be prepared to participate in the face-to-face capstone residency experience.

16. How can this certification support professional growth and/or advancement?

- Upon completion of this certificate, participants will have an understanding of the education policy-making process including education public policy development, analysis, implementation, evaluation and advocacy.
- Participants will be equipped with knowledge and skills that will increase their employability in the education public policy sphere.

Additional information can be accessed from EPPLC website.