

Graduate Certificate in Extended Learning

*Center for Afterschool Education at Foundations, Inc.
and Arcadia University*

Program Overview

The 15-credit Graduate Certificate in Extended Learning equips leaders in the out-of-school time field with skills and knowledge to develop and manage programming that supports the academic, social, and emotional needs of all children and youth. This unique program features online courses inclusive of school and out-of-school time educators—facilitating stronger links for whole-day learning—and online support from the Center for Afterschool Education and the wider out-of-school time community to put theory into action.

<i>Program Requirements—15 credits</i>		<i>Cost</i>
<p>Summer Institutes—Up to 6 credits located on Arcadia's campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching and Learning in Extended Learning Environments (C) - Extending Opportunities for English Learners (E) <p>Upcoming Institute Dates: July 26 – 31, 2010</p>	<p>The two hybrid online/face-to-face courses offer students an opportunity to earn up to 6 credits in 6 days while providing online follow-up projects to help put theory into practice.</p>	<p>Early Registration by May 15, 2010 \$799 per institute or \$1498 for both*</p> <p>After May 15, 2010 \$899 per institute or \$1698 for both*</p> <p>*Save \$100</p>
<p>Three Online Courses—9 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Development: The School Years K-12 (C) <p><i>And Choose From...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant Writing for Educators (E) - Educational Leadership (E) 	<p>Human Development teaches the cognitive and social development of children and adolescents, the crux of all out-of-school time programming.</p> <p>Choose additional online courses to fulfill your educational needs.</p>	<p>\$409.20 per credit (1/3 discount off the normal rate)</p> <p>Register and pay for these courses online at www.arcadia.edu</p>
<p>One Applied Project (Online)—3 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extended Learning in Action (C) 	<p>With the guidance of an advisor, put theory into practice with a 3-credit culminating applied learning project.</p>	<p>\$409.20 per credit (1/3 discount off the normal rate)</p> <p>Register and pay for this course online at www.arcadia.edu</p>

Course Descriptions

The Certificate in Extended Learning is designed with the flexibility necessary to meet the diverse needs of the out-of-school time workforce. Choose courses and content to fit your needs, at your site, for the children and youth you serve.

Summer Institutes located on Arcadia's campus—Up to 6 credits

ED 561 S Teaching and Learning in Extended Learning Environments (C)

This course provides an in-depth look at out-of-school time education, including the history and changing needs of out-of-school time programs: materials, methodology and infrastructure; school and community connections; and program evaluation and quality assurance. The instructional approach of this course models processes of participatory learning and reflective practice, actively linking concepts, content, and hands-on experience.

and/or

ED 561 S2 Extending Opportunities for English Learners (E)

In this course, students will gain practical, research-based skills to support ELs in a variety of educational settings, using a variety of materials that can be easily shared with colleagues. Topics include the essentials of language acquisition, methods for stretching English skills, and strategies for supporting English learner success in school and beyond.

Three Online courses—9 credits

ED 517 Human Development: The School Years K-12 (C)

As the second requisite of the certificate program, this course examines cognitive, social, emotional and physiological development during childhood and adolescence and identifies specific areas in which the out-of-school time environment supports development, as well as how understanding development stages impacts planning and delivery of programming.

And choose from...

ED 630 Educational Leadership (E)

This course provides students with the opportunity to explore current trends in educational leadership - blending practical advice and research. This course is based on the premise that proficiency in leadership and management results from a combination of self-knowledge and situational or contextual knowledge. Case studies are used to enhance analytical skills and to develop problem-solving abilities that are necessary for on-the-job effectiveness.

ED 545 Grant Writing (E)

This course introduces students to the nonprofit sector and the principles and procedures for writing grant proposals to fund educational programming. Students will write a viable grant proposal for their own out-of-school time program, or in partnership with a regional nonprofit organization.

One Applied Project (online)—3 credits

ED 548 Extended Learning in Action (C)

As the final requirement of the program, this course supports students in designing and implementing a culminating project that reflects their learning throughout the program.

C = core course

E = elective course

Note that the 3 core courses indicated, plus 2 of the 3 elective courses, are necessary to complete the Certificate in Extended Learning.