

Frequently Asked Questions

CCP3 Admissions

Do I need to be a teacher to qualify for CCP3?

To be eligible to apply for CCP3 you must hold a current, unconditional, NC teaching license and have at least three years of successful teaching experience. You may have this license while serving in an educator role outside of a teacher position. For example, you may serve as your school's instructional coach/leader while maintaining your teaching license. Additional qualifications can be found at <https://ccp3.org/application/>.

Who should I ask for a letter of recommendation?

Three letters of recommendation from persons qualified to assess professional performance and comment on potential leadership abilities are required for the CCP3 application process. One letter of recommendation must be from a current principal or supervisor.

Do I have to be a North Carolina Resident to be eligible to apply for CCP3?

Yes, North Carolina residency is required by CCP3. In addition, proof of NC residency is included in the NC Central University application process for tuition purposes. As such, detailed information on submitting proof of NC residency can be found at <https://www.nccu.edu/admissions/residency-process>.

If selected as a NCCU NC Principal Fellow do I still need to apply to NC Central University's Master of Administration Program?

Yes, if selected you will be notified of when and how to apply for the NCCU MSA program. Required documentation for the NCCU MSA Program application can be found at <https://www.nccu.edu/academics/graduate-programs/school-administration-msa>.

Do I need to submit an official transcript to apply as a CCP3 Principal Fellow?

To complete the CCP3 application, an unofficial transcript may be provided. However, to complete the NCCU MSA application, an official transcript must be uploaded. More details of required documentation for the NCCU MSA Program application can be found at <https://www.nccu.edu/admissions/graduate-school-admissions>.

When will Cohort 3 start?

CCP3 brings in a new Cohort every year. As such, the next cohort (Cohort #3) will begin classes in August 2023. However, there will be opportunities to meet as a Cohort before classes begin. These sessions (meet and greet, welcome, etc.) may be held virtually or in person sometime during late July to early August.



CCP³ General Info

How many course credits will I be expected to take as a NCCU Principal Fellow?

NCCU Principal Fellows are full time students. As such, each NCCU Principal Fellow is to take 9 credit hours in the Fall and Spring semesters and 6 credit hours during one summer.

How much face-to-face time is required with this program? Will the majority of the classes occur virtually or in-person?

NCCU students will have the option to take their courses online or in person.

Classes that meet online are synchronous to allow for collaborative learning.

However, there will be times that students are expected to come together for face-to-face meetings either in Durham or Raleigh.

Will I receive a salary as an intern?

Yes, all full-time interns are required to take an educational leave of absence from their district to be placed as an administrative intern. During the internship, all NC Principal Fellows will earn equal pay to a first year Assistant Principal or their current teacher salary, whichever is the higher amount.

What is expected of me to be eligible for loan forgiveness?

The NC Principal Fellow must complete their School Leader Preparation Program and any other professional enrichment and enhancement activities required by their Program and the Commission to be eligible to seek Loan forgiveness. North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) shall forgive the the total principal amount of all Loans disbursed, and any interest accrued, for employment in a Qualified Position. 50% of the total amount of the Loan shall be forgiven for each year of full-time employment as a school leader in a high-needs school, and 25% will be given each year of service in a school that does not qualify as high-needs. You will need to complete service within 7 years for complete loan forgiveness.

What is a Qualified Position in a high-needs school?

A qualified position is a principal or assistant principal in a public school in North Carolina. High-needs is defined as having a D or F performance grade and/or a majority of students qualifying for Title I funding. The NC Principal Fellow is responsible for securing employment that qualifies for loan forgiveness

