CCP3 FAQ'S

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

You must hold a current, unconditional North Carolina professional educator license, which includes teachers, counselors, and other licensed school-based positions, and have at least three years of experience. Additional qualifications can be found at https://ccp3.org/application/.

Who should I ask for a letter of recommendation?

Three letters of recommendation from coworkers or colleagues 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. It is encouraged to request a letter from your districts HR department or Superintendent.

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

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 can I apply to be a part of the next cohort?

Applications are accepted from September 15th to December 1st. Courses will begin in August of the following year at NCCU.

CCP3 brings in a new Cohort every year. There will be opportunities to meet as a Cohort before classes begin. These sessions (meet and greet, orientation, etc.) may be held virtually or in person sometime during late July to early August.

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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.

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.

Where will classes be held?

Principal Fellows enroll as full-time, online students. Classes are held synchronously online; however, there will be occasional professional development sessions held in person at either NCCU's campus in Durham or the CCRESA offices in Raleigh. A calendar of events will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

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 in order to serve as an administrative intern. During the internship, all NC Principal Fellows receive compensation equal to the salary of a first-year Assistant Principal or their current teacher salary, whichever is higher. Teachers who currently serve as MCLs or in Advanced Teaching Roles are held harmless for up to $15,000 of their current stipend.

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