
MBKU Student Leadership Development Certificate

Overview

The MBKU Student Leadership Development Certificate is for students who have a desire to make a positive difference in their University, College, community, and profession through leadership. Students will learn to lead with integrity through a program that combines academic and experiential learning which will prepare them to become engaged and influential members of their future communities and professions.

The Student Leadership Development Certificate Program is open to all MBKU students interested in exploring and developing their leadership skills. Students apply and join the program in the winter quarter of their first professional year. The program begins with the Leadership Summit held annually in December which will explore leadership principles and ideas, teamwork, and understanding individual strengths and values. Throughout the remaining time at MBKU, these students will attend regular seminars and meetings, participate in leadership and service opportunities, and grow and develop as leaders.

Students who have fulfilled the requirements will be awarded with a Leadership Certificate at their Graduation Awards Program and will be presented with a Leadership Medal to wear at Commencement.

Mission

The MBKU Student Leadership Development Certificate Program provides students with the essential skills of effective, ethical leadership to evolve to become inspired health care leaders who are committed to engagement and action through leadership roles.

The program is designed to:

1. Foster personal development by helping students to identify and strengthen those characteristics and leadership styles which will allow them to excel as leaders.
2. Develop an understanding of the fundamental principles and practices of good leadership.
3. Model the organizational and interpersonal skills necessary to work well with diverse populations.
4. Teach a greater awareness of effective leadership emphasizing improved communication skills and ethical decision-making.
5. Encourage engagement through collaboration and empower groups toward a common goal.
6. Acquire a greater awareness of issues related to the student's profession.

Program Overview

The program begins with an exploration of what leadership is, including the qualities and characteristics of effective leaders, as well as basic theories and models of leadership. Students gain awareness and clarification of their personal styles, strengths and challenges as a leader and begin to develop their own definition of leadership. This includes acquiring concrete skills, such as time management and public speaking.

The focus then shifts beyond the individual to being part of a team and learning to recognize and strengthen the dynamics within the group. Leadership positions, selective work-study roles, and community service projects are a part of this experience. Lastly, students become mentors where they model leadership for underclassman and are involved with assisting in the Leadership Summit.

Application

1. Complete a letter of intention.
2. Submit 2 letters of recommendation, at least one from a faculty member at MBKU.
3. Be in good academic standing with a fall quarter GPA of 2.75 or higher/Pass standing.

Program Components

- Participate in the annual Student Leadership Summit
An interactive and inspiring leadership summit designed to help students gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a leader and their own personal strengths.
- Attendance at personal enrichment and leadership development seminars
- Assuming leadership roles
Students will put leadership into action by serving in one of many possible leadership positions on campus (e.g., Peer Advisor, Peer Tutor, Teaching Assistant, Tutored Study Session Leader, Class Cabinet, Student Association or Class Cabinet officer, etc.)
Positions should include the following:
 1. A commitment of time
 2. Independent thinking and decision-making
 3. Ongoing mentoring or supervision by a faculty or staff advisor and
 4. Emphasis on service or social responsibility
- Participate in service learning/volunteer activities
Students will make a positive difference in our community by volunteering at University or community events. Because service is a core component of leadership, students pursuing the MBKU Leadership Certificate will complete 20 hours of service, 10 of which must be through an MBKU or College program.
- Attendance at professional meeting(s)
- Attend regular meetings and complete required assignments
- Compiling a leadership development portfolio
The portfolio will contain tracking forms which summarize the above components and a final summary essay reflecting on the student's own personal leadership development. This essay, the culmination of the leadership experience, should describe the student's development as a leader through leadership training, activities and experiences.
- Supporting letter from faculty/advisor