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## Earn a Certificate in: Charter Schools Administration



This certificate program is designed to prepare individuals and organizations in the management and administration of a charter school. As the fastest growing innovation in public education, charter schools create a unique set of organizational issues in mission, goals, administration, and instructional approach. This six-credit certificate series is designed to guide school proponents through the steps common to creating a charter school program.

Courses for the program are developed through the Renaissance Institute for Charter Schools, a resource for school boards, administrators, teachers, parents, businesses, and civic leaders in charter school organization and development.

### **ACS 600 Starting a Charter School (3 Cr.)**

This course is designed to provide an overview of the charter school movement. The principles, practice, and purpose of charter schools are explored. Lessons emerging from existing charter schools and questions arising from the charter school movement are explored. This course will provide guidance in developing a charter school proposal, understanding the ins and outs of organizing a charter school, and the daily administration of charter school operation. Internet resources and a newly developed CD-ROM will provide state-of-the-art tools for learning.

### **ACS 601 Choice: New Horizons for Education (3 Cr.)**

This course provides an overview of the choice movement in education. The belief that choice in education cultivates constructive competition, serves as an impetus for academic improvement, and fosters greater accountability is debated. The basic premises underlying school choice are explored. Through this course, insight will be gained in planning for school choice: getting started and factors to consider. The Internet will serve as a vehicle to discover policy issues and questions, distinguish successful plans from less successful ones, and learn more about parental choice incentive programs.

### **★ PLUG IN CERTIFICATE STUDIES TO AN ONLINE DEGREE IN EDUCATION**

Participants who complete certificate studies may apply these credits to the master's or educational specialist degrees offered online through the Graduate Teacher Education Online programs at Nova Southeastern University. For more information on the master's and educational specialist degree programs online visit our Web site at <http://www.fcae.nova.edu>.

Clusters for the M.S. and Ed.S. online degree programs form with the Fall 1 and Spring 1 terms. Students who follow the program of study may complete their degree in one year.

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# Graduate Education ONLINE

**What is Graduate Education Online?**

Graduate Education Online courses are conducted through the Internet, allowing you to receive and submit course work and interact with participants and your professor via your computer and modem. The predominantly asynchronous nature of the lessons, activities, and communication methods allows you to participate in courses at times and places convenient to you.

**How Does Graduate Education Online Work?**

At the beginning of each week, participants log on to the Graduate Education Online system via the Internet and receive course information from their instructor, including content, activities, and assignments. Participants are expected to post assignments and activities and communicate within a specified time frame. Participants may be involved in group or individual activities conducted electronically. Generally, course work is completed in the asynchronous mode. Some synchronous activities may be scheduled during the term. Courses require a minimum of six participants.

**How Long Does It Take to Complete a Course?**

Courses are set up in six-week terms. Participants should be prepared to log on to the course system and begin the Monday of the first week the course is scheduled. Access term dates and courses at: <http://nova.edu/gtep/online/courses.htm>.

**What Skills and Equipment Do I Need to Participate?**

Basic computer skills are needed to participate in the Graduate Education Online Program.

**Minimum System Requirements:\***

- Computer—
  - IBM compatible 486/33 (Pentium preferred) with Windows 3.1 operating system or higher (Windows 95 or 97 preferred) or
  - Macintosh 7.1 operating system or higher, 16 MB of RAM, and 50 MB of free hard-drive space
- Disk drive—one 3.5"
- Modem—14.4 bps (28.8 bps or above preferred)
- Internet and World Wide Web access through an Internet service provider
- A browser that handles frames, tables, and Java Script (Netscape 2.0 or greater or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0)

*\*The program is not responsible for equipment, software, or ISP services.*

For more information, visit our Web site at:

**<http://www.nova.edu/gtep/online>**

or call: **800-986-3223, ext. 8649** or **(954) 262-8649**

or fax: **(954) 262-3953**

Graduate Education Online is available through:



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