ANNOUNCEMENT – California State University, Fresno MPA program

What: Formation of an Off-Campus Master of Public Administration (MPA) Cohort in Visalia, CA. Courses offered by the California State University, Fresno.
Where: MPA program courses will be offered on the campus of the College of the Sequoias.
When: Courses are tentatively planned to start in Spring 2010
Application Deadline: November 1, 2009 for the Spring 2010 semester. Those seeking admission must (1) Complete the university’s on-line application at CSUMentor; and (2) Pay the $55 application fee by the stated deadline. Other application requirements may be completed after this date. More detailed information about the application process is available from the program director. You must contact the program director BEFORE applying on-line.

More Information: California State University, Fresno is providing the opportunity to earn the MPA degree in an off-campus cohort setting. Courses are offered in a flexible weekend format. Classes will meet on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings/afternoons. The program takes about two and one-half years to complete. The following is some basic program information. More detailed information is available from the program director.

Mission Statement: The Master of Public Administration Program at California State University, Fresno is a NASPAA accredited program that provides a professional degree to individuals seeking to serve the public through the effective administration of public programs.
To accomplish this, the program focuses on developing core competencies of public leadership. These competencies include: critical thinking, analytical skills, and an appreciation for ethical decision making.
The program is open to individuals with or seeking careers in public and nonprofit sectors. The program is committed to the recruitment and education of a diverse student body.

Current Design of the MPA Program: The program is 36 units. Core or required courses constitute 18 of these units. The remaining 18 units consist of elective courses selected in consultation with students.

Core Courses: Quantitative Applications; Administration and Society; Organizational Theory; Public Budgeting; Human Resources Management; and Public Policy Administration.

Elective Courses*: Public Management; State and Local Government; Ethics and Public Administration; Program Evaluation; Homeland Security; Grant Writing; Public Sector Labor Relations; Economic Development. *Choice of electives depends on preferences of student, expertise of faculty, and availability of courses.

MPA Program Faculty: Instruction is provided in the program by the following California State University, Fresno faculty members: Dr. Kurt Cline; Dr. Jeffrey Cummins; Dr. Thomas Holyoke; Dr. Kenneth Hansen; Dr. Bernadette Muscat; Dr. David Schecter; and Dr. Mark Somma. Other faculty will teach courses as needed.

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