



Community College Administrator Program with South Africa

Program Overview

The Community College Administrator Program with South Africa will be a six-week program of study for South African officials with higher education planning responsibilities and administrators from post-secondary vocational and technical institutions in South Africa. Conducted by the Florida State University and Santa Fe College, the exchange will consist of a one-week Executive Dialogue and a five-week Community College Seminar.

Executive Dialogue

The Executive Dialogue is designed to provide an overview of the U.S. community college system and explore South Africa's development of community colleges or its technical vocational institutions. South African higher education officials and administrators will meet with legislative leaders and senior policy-makers of the Florida Community College System to provide a comprehensive understanding of the development, organization and administration of a U.S. community college system integrally linked to secondary education, higher education and the workforce training needs of business and industry. In addition to the 16 administrators, the program will support four high-level South African higher education officials to participate in the Executive Dialogue

Five-week Community College Seminar

The Seminar is designed to train 16 administrators from South African post-secondary vocational and technical institutions or officials with higher education planning responsibilities in key elements of community college leadership, to provide direct exposure to the day-to-day administrative responsibilities and challenges of a U.S. community college, and investigate specific community college academic and vocational programs relevant to the needs of South Africa and/or participants' home institutions.

Objectives

As a result of participating in this program, participants will

- Demonstrate enhanced ability to effectively address governance and policy questions integral to the establishment of a community college system relevant to the South African context;
- Contribute to the present and future demands for policy formulation, continuous planning, program management decision making and day-to-day administration of community colleges or related technical and vocational institutions in South Africa;
- Explore aspects the U.S. higher education system and provide a more comprehensive understanding of the U.S. community college administration;

- Articulate the unique and important opportunities created through merging academic, business and management skills through the community college system; and
- Encourage on-going collaboration between South African and U.S. counterparts involved in community college administration.

Topics of Study

- Governance
- Finance
- Student Affairs/Student Services
- Program Assessment
- Leadership
- Technology
- Workforce Development
- Community Engagement
- Private Sector Partnerships
- Distance Learning

Format

- **Classroom Instruction.** 20 hours per week of intensive instruction by graduate faculty of the Florida State University College of Education, former officers of the State of Florida Community College System, and current Santa Fe College administrators.
- **Job Shadowing/Mentoring.** One-on-one or small group interaction with current community college administrators whose day-to-day responsibilities align with those of the participants.
- **Site Visits.** Targeted site visits to Florida community colleges to investigate academic/vocational programs or administrative practices of relevance to participants and their home institutions.

Audience

- The program will fund the participation of four senior-level Ministry of Education officials to participate in the one-week Executive Dialogue with 16 administrators. The Executive Dialogue will be the first or last week of the Community College Administrator Program.
- The program will fund the participation of 16 senior-level administrators from post-secondary vocational and technical institutions and policy makers with higher education planning responsibilities to participate in the one-week Executive Dialogue and the five-week Seminar.

Locations

- Tallahassee, Florida, U.S.A.
- Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.

Duration

- Six weeks total including a one-week Executive Dialogue and a five-week Seminar. Program dates will be determined in discussions with relevant South African and U.S. Department of State officials.

