

Written Response from Morgan State University (MSU)
to
New MHEC Academic Proposal
from
Stevenson University's Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
In Community-Based Education and Leadership

After a review of the proposal submitted by Stevenson University, we find that we are unable to support or endorse the “Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Community-Based Education and Leadership” instructional program being proposed to MHEC. Our review suggests that Stevenson’s proposal duplicates existing course content that is already offered in two doctorate programs housed in the Morgan State University School of Education and Urban Studies: The Doctorate in Community College Leadership and the Doctorate in Urban Education. While Stevenson’s program is ambitious, we feel that it duplicates the content that is already embedded into our courses.

Stevenson’s proposed program will negatively impact the historical uniqueness and institutional distinctiveness of MSU academic programs long associated with the name and mission of Morgan State University. Both of our academic programs offer standardized management and leadership credentialing of professionals in the field that include key elements in community-based leadership, policy analysis and community-based partnerships.

The following course crosswalk illustrates the duplication of course content between the proposed Stevenson University proposal and Morgan’s Community College Leadership Program and MSU’s doctorate in Urban Education Leadership.

Duplication of Course Content
Stevenson University Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Community-Based Education and Leadership

Stevenson University Courses	Morgan State University Urban Educational Leadership (Ed.D)	Justification:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED 606: Socio-political and Cultural Influences on Families, Communities, and Organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASLS 601: Contemporary Issues in Urban Education • ASLS 602: Education and Society • SFED 651: Social Policy and Futurism 	<p>Both courses focus on social and cultural issues impacting learners.</p> <p>This course also addresses societal influences on educational organizations.</p> <p>Both courses focus on societal trends likely to influence policies that affect families and schools.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBEL 512: Foundations of Community-Based Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDAD 601: Theories and Practice of Urban Educational Leadership 	<p>Both courses focus on theoretical frameworks for understanding communities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBEL 672: Legal Issues and Risk Management in Community Organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASLJ 601: Legal Aspects of Higher Education 	<p>The foci of both courses duplicate that of the Legal Aspects referenced above.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED 608: Action Research and Data Driven Decision Making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDSR 620: Action Research in Urban Education 	<p>These courses aim to build research competence in practitioners.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBEL 614: Innovative Teaching and Learning for 21st Century Skills 		

Stevenson University Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Community-Based Education and Leadership Duplication of Course Content

Stevenson University Courses	Morgan State University Community College Leadership Doctoral Program	Justification:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBEL 512: Foundations of Community-Based Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASLJ 601: Legal Aspects of Higher Education 	These courses both cover the legal aspects of the foundational policies and principles governing education at all levels.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBEL 672: Legal Issues and Risk Management in Community Organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASLJ 601: Legal Aspects of Higher Education 	The foci of both courses duplicate that of the Legal Aspects course referenced above.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBEL 614: Innovative Teaching and Learning for 21st Century Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDHE 606: The Learning College 	Both courses address contemporary approaches to teaching and learning.