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Dear IAL Cohort Applicants,

We are writing to inform you of a scheduling change in the initial administrator licensure program at Portland State University for fall 2011. Traditionally, the IAL cohort has been a weekly commitment of 10-11 four hour class sessions each quarter. Although all the cohorts have provided online learning opportunities, face-to-face instruction has been the primary instructional model. In the past, the first class session was held during the last week of September.

In our efforts to meet student needs and continually improve the program, this fall Dr. Amy Petti will teach one IAL cohort in a seminar/ hybrid format. This cohort will meet for two days in August (see schedule), and on Saturdays throughout the year. This format capitalizes on school leadership opportunities in the month of September; it also extends online learning opportunities and requires fewer face-to-face sessions. The comparison below indicates the strengths of each format:

The face-to-face format

- Meets weekly from approximately 4 to 8 pm
- Provides opportunities for use of technology, i.e. working online and sharing ideas via the online interface of D2L (PSU's replacement for Blackboard)
- Provides more face-to-face learning time and less online learning time
- Begins with a two-day inservice opportunity on August 24, and 25. (TBA for Salem cohort)
- Embeds the coursework in an extended field preparation
- Increases job-embedded practicum feedback and coaching

The seminar/hybrid format

- Meets on Saturdays (two, three, and four times per term)
- Increases use of technology, i.e. working online and sharing ideas via the online interface of D2L
- Transfers more time to online learning and less time to face-to-face learning
- Begins with a two-day inservice opportunity on August 24 and 25.
- Embeds the coursework in an extended field preparation
- Increases job-embedded practicum feedback and coaching

We want to give you the opportunity to consider both formats. You may select either the seminar/hybrid format or the face-to-face approach.

In summary, all cohorts will begin meeting earlier in the school year, the seminar/hybrid will meet less often and will meet on Saturdays during the school year. Both the hybrid and the face-to-face weekly format will encompass the same content and total learning time.

Please reply to this email; indicating your cohort preference. If you have specific questions about the face-to-face approach, please email scarlile@pdx.edu. For hybrid format questions; please email Amy Petti, at petti@pdx.edu. The year-long schedule of course seminars is attached.

Sincerely,

Susan Carlile,
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PSU Downtown IAL Cohort Schedule

Location: All seminars and sessions will be held at: PBS Conference Center, 4343 SW Corbett Ave, Portland, OR 97230 unless otherwise noted
Conference Center information available at: <http://confctr.pbsenv.com/index.html>

Free parking

IAL Hybrid/Seminar Calendar:

Face to Face Sessions *:

FALL

August 24-25 9-3 with working lunch @ PBS Conference Center (12 hrs)
Oct 15 9-3 with working lunch @ PBS Conference Center (6 hrs)
Dec 1-2 9-3 in conjunction with Law Conference, Hilton, Eugene, OR (6 hrs)
ONLINE LEARNING 16 hours

Winter

Jan 7 9-3 with working lunch @ PBS Conference Center (6 hrs)
Jan 28 9-3 with working lunch @ PBS Conference Center (6 hrs)
Feb 25 9-3 with working lunch @ PBS Conference Center (6 hrs)
Mar 10 9-3 with working lunch @ PBS Conference Center (6 hrs)
ONLINE LEARNING 16 hours

Spring

Apr 2 9-3 with working lunch @ PBS Conference Center (6 hrs)
May 5 9-3 with working lunch @ PBS Conference Center (6 hrs)
Jun 2 9-3 with working lunch @ PBS Conference Center (6 hrs)
ONLINE LEARNING 22 hours

* IAL students are required to attend the COSA Law Conference in Eugene, and a winter or spring day in Salem visiting the Oregon Legislature. It is strongly recommended that you negotiate a total of 3-6 release days for these requirements and maximize your learning by participating in group school visits, walk-throughs, instructional rounds, and/or lab-sites led by your cohort or district leaders.

Technology Required to Participate: Laptop with Wireless Internet capability; MS office for MAC or PC; access or ability to record sound & video

Technology Recommended:
Smart phone (iPhone or DROID, iPad)