



Hancock Leadership Program (HSLP) FACT SHEET

Empowering the Leaders of Tomorrow

Inspire – Motivate – Lead

The Hancock Student Leadership Program is your gateway to becoming a transformative leader. This prestigious program connects you with real-world mentors, equips you with invaluable leadership skills, and prepares you to influence and inspire in your future career and community.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Hancock Student Leadership Program is designed to:

- **Identify and develop student leaders** with the skills to inspire and motivate others.
- **Foster leadership excellence** through immersive field experiences tailored to your goals and aspirations.
- **Build critical leadership competencies**, including ethical decision-making, teambuilding, problem-solving, and financial management.

Through leadership shadowing, guided projects, and mentorship, you'll gain hands-on exposure to leadership in action while building a foundation of adaptability, accountability, and resilience.

YOUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

HSLP offers a **high-impact field experience** in either the fall or spring semester. You'll:

- Shadow top leaders in fields like business, education, law enforcement, finance, media, healthcare, and more.
- Work on meaningful projects tied to your academic major or career goals.

- Learn the strategies leaders use to navigate challenges, inspire teams, and drive organizational success.
- Showcase your growth in a final public forum alongside other student leaders.

KEY BENEFITS

- **\$1,500 stipend** to support your leadership development.
- **3 credits** of Cooperative Education Internship (CED 297) for successful completion of the program.
- **Personalized leadership placement**, matching you with influential mentors in your field of interest.
- An unmatched opportunity to observe, learn, and grow as a leader.

ELIGIBILITY

To join this transformative program, you must:

- Be a full-time WCSU undergraduate.
- Have **leadership experience** or a strong desire to develop as a leader.
- Hold a **3.0 GPA or higher** and have earned **45–100 credits**.
- Be available for a **fall or spring semester shadowing experience**.
- Submit all required materials by **Friday, December 6, 2024** to manented@wcsu.edu.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Through HSLP, you will:

- Develop a clear understanding of leadership philosophies and your own leadership style.
- Learn practical strategies for:
 - Motivating and managing diverse teams.
 - Navigating conflicts and making effective decisions.
 - Providing feedback and fostering growth in others.
 - Balancing innovation with ethical responsibility.
 - Cultivate resilience and adaptability in the face of challenges.

LEADERSHIP FIELD EXPERIENCES

Your field placement will align with your academic and career aspirations.

Examples include:

- Shadowing a corporate executive, town official, educator, law enforcement officer, or community activist.
- Gaining insight into leadership within non-profit organizations, corporations, educational institutions, and more.
- Observing decision-making, delegation, and organizational dynamics firsthand.

You'll dedicate **150 hours**, averaging **6–8 hours per week** over 14–15 weeks, to shadowing, reflection, and optional project work.

OPTIONAL LEADERSHIP PROJECTS

HSLP participants may also engage in optional projects that allow for deeper involvement, such as:

- Designing and conducting surveys.
- Assisting with fundraisers or outreach campaigns.
- Supporting new initiatives or school programs.
- Collecting and analyzing data to drive decisions.

Projects are tailored to meet the needs of the host organization and enhance your learning.

HOW TO APPLY

Don't miss your chance to grow as a leader and gain unmatched real-world experience. Submit your application by **Friday, December 6, 2024**, to manented@wcsu.edu.

For questions or more information, contact: **Debra Manente, Director of the Career Success Center** at manented@wcsu.edu

Your Leadership Journey Starts Here.

Apply now and join the ranks of future leaders making a difference in their communities and careers!