



## 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, May 2, 2025** to [manented@wcsu.edu](mailto: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, May 2, 2025** to [manented@wcsu.edu](mailto:manented@wcsu.edu).

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