

Christian Principals Association of BC and Society of Christian Schools in BC Leadership Certificate

The purpose of the CPABC/SCSBC Leadership Certificate is to encourage ongoing professional development in the area of Christian educational leadership. Leadership development is a journey that does not end with the earning of a degree, but rather is an ongoing activity of deepening ones understanding of self, the role of a leader in serving schools, and knowledge of leadership and educational issues.

The certificates are granted at two levels. The Interim Certificate is for those who have administrative experience along with leadership training. The Professional Certificate is awarded at the completion of the approved program of four courses in educational leadership. To encourage further professional growth, the Professional Certificate needs to be renewed every three years. Deadline for application and/or renewal is March 15 of each year.

The **approved program** consists of five leadership courses offered by Trinity Western University:

- EDUC 621 Worldview Foundations for Schooling
- EDUC 622 Leadership in Educational Institutions
- EDUC 623 Developing Curriculum and Educational Programs
- EDUC 624 School Leadership and Supervision
- EDUC 625 Instructional Leadership: Implementing and Assessing Programs

or equivalent courses approved by the *CPABC-SCSBC Certificate Committee* and taken at other Christian post-secondary institutions, e.g., Calvin College M.Ed. program, Regent College.

The **Interim Certificate** will be awarded to those who have completed two years of administrative experience (with a minimum of 25% administrative time) and have completed two of the approved courses. This certificate is valid for three years and can be renewed if additional approved courses have been completed.

The **Professional Certificate** will be awarded to those who have completed five years of administrative experience, either as principal or vice-principal, and have completed four of the five courses in the approved program. The Professional Certificate needs to be renewed every three years. To qualify for a renewal, the administrator must:

- a. take one or more additional courses in some aspect of school leadership; or
- b. participate in some combination of Evaluation Team membership, Leadership Review Team membership, workshop presentation, leadership mentoring, or CPABC or SCSBC Board or Committee; or
- c. submit a professional development portfolio that is a record of professional development activities.

The *CPABC-SCSBC Certificate Committee* will judge whether the activities in b. or c. meet the requirements for Professional Certificate renewal.

For all certificates, the applicants must enclose a copy of their valid BC teaching certificate, copies of transcripts or marks for courses taken and have a teaching or administrative position in a Christian school.

The CPABC and SCSBC Boards will appoint the *CPABC-SCSBC Certificate Committee*.