

A. Programs for Approval by the Committee on Accreditation

Program of Professional Preparation for the Administrative Services Preliminary Credential (Experimental Program Standard)

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

This program was written to the Experimental Program Standards and will prepare candidates for the Tier I Administrative Services Credential. The research program will be funded through a \$2.5 million leadership development grant from the United State Department of Education (USDE) for the purpose of developing and implementing an innovative administrator preparation program in collaboration with the Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) which is in year five of Program Improvement (PI). The new program, known as the *Great Leaders for Great Schools Academy* (GLGSA) is separate and distinct from the existing Tier I traditional Administrative Services credential at Cal Poly Pomona (CPP). Over the five year term of the grant, the academy will train a total of 30 practice-ready school administrators for the PUSD who will process the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to turn around at risk secondary and elementary schools in the district.

In response to Program Improvement crisis, the PUSD has developed a comprehensive reform plan. A key component of this plan is the selection, preparation, and retention of school administrators who can stimulate school improvement initiatives and who can support district efforts to turn around underperforming schools. To achieve this goal, the program has been designed to provide candidate a collaborative, experimental, inquiry-focused, and standards-based curriculum that is anchored in actual problems of practice. A centerpiece of the program is the full time, site-based administrative apprenticeship.