

**Important Dates for Individuals Interested in Admission to Cohort 8
--January 2007--**

March 10, 2007: Orientation and On-campus Writing Sample

Orientation

A required, one-hour orientation session is held to provide you with specific details about the program, including when classes are scheduled, how much each semester will cost, deadlines throughout the application process, etc. A panel of doctoral students shares how they have benefited from the program, the challenges they have experienced, and how the program has impacted them personally and professionally. This orientation provides you with the opportunity to ask tough questions about the program. This is an important event in determining not only whether this is the right doctoral program for you, but also whether this is the right time for you to undertake doctoral studies.

On-campus Writing Sample

Immediately following the orientation, you will complete the on-campus writing sample. You may use our computer labs or write with pencil or pen. You will have one hour to complete the writing sample. Respond to the writing prompt(s) specifically and clearly. The writing sample provides the admissions committee with insights into your involvement with school improvement, your ability to respond directly to a question, and your writing ability.

March 2007: On-campus Interview

Interview

After the admissions committee holistically examines the full application packet and writing samples for each applicant, many applicants will be invited to campus for a 20-30 minute interview with the committee. During the interview, a series of questions exploring your background, goals, and expectations of the program will be posed. While many strong applicants will be interviewed, the challenge for the admissions committee is to identify and recommend for admission those candidates with not only the ability, but also the dispositions to work effectively in collaborative, applied courses at the doctoral level. They seek applicants who are a good fit for the program.

Mid-April 2007: Notification of Acceptance

June 4, 2007: Orientation

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Up to 20 applicants are recommended for admission to the new cohort each year, pending their successful completion of an orientation session. Orientation provides information on the university, program, and procedures required to be effective in these settings. It is an opportunity to meet the instructional faculty, to begin a

relationship with faculty mentors, and to accomplish those beginning-of-the-semester tasks such as having IDs made, securing parking stickers, and purchasing textbooks. It is an important time to begin to build a team spirit in the cohort. And, most important, it is also a time to decide, once and for all, that this is the program for you, and that you have the time and dispositions to begin and to complete the program at this point in your life.