8 Reasons to Choose UCAPP
University of Connecticut Administrator Preparation Program

1. UCAPP is a program that gets you ready to do the job of school/district leader.
   There are less expensive and faster ways to get certified but none that prepare you as well to “hit the ground running” when you obtain an administrative position. UCAPP is for those who are serious about preparing to lead schools and districts.

2. UCAPP helps you to get a job as a school/district leader.
   Approximately three out of four UCAPP graduates are working as administrators in Connecticut within five years of graduation; the best placement rate of all the state’s 092 preparation programs.

3. UCAPP is organized around a cohort model.
   The cohort quickly becomes a network, support system, and extended family all rolled into one. Cohorts from the first years of this 20 year old program still get together for reunions and networking.

4. UCAPP is organized around the internship.
   The program follows an adult learning model based on the belief that the best way to prepare school leaders is to have them experience leadership in a school setting under the supervision of an experienced mentor. UCAPP has the most robust internship requirement in the state: 540 hours spread over two years.

5. The CAS-UCAPP partnership is a particular source of strength.
   CAS provides a rich trove of experienced principals to serve as mentors, exemplary former school leaders to serve as clinical supervisors, and an extensive array of professional development offerings to complement UCAPP. No other program in the state or nation is similarly partnered.

6. UCAPP personalizes the program to meet your needs.
   UCAPP is small enough (four Year I cohorts, four Year II cohorts, approximately 100 students) that students don’t get lost. They intern with a leader and at a site that meets their needs, not those of the program.

7. UCAPP & UCONN bring a national reputation.
   A Stanford University study two years ago rated UCAPP one of the eight best principal preparation programs in the nation. The Neag School of Education is ranked 21st among schools of education nationally.

8. The quality of the UCAPP/UCONN faculty is excellent.
   Tenure-track education leadership department faculty combines with selected adjunct practitioners to provide a rich diversity of teachers who skillfully integrate the worlds of theory and practice.