



Interview with the Leader of an Organization

Assignment Requirements

1. Select a community or college leader to interview. This person should be someone that is respected and viewed as an effective and/or exemplary leader in an organization.
2. Contact the leader and determine a date and time for the interview. This should be an in-person, zoom meeting, or phone interview but not an email interview. It is important for there to be dialogue between both parties rather than sending a list of questions through email.
3. Look at the list of questions provided and create three of your own questions you would like answered. Questions should be open-ended (require more than a one-word answer) and relate to the Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership, specifically enable others to act.
4. Conduct the interview and take notes. Be sure to include the date, time, and location of the interview.
5. Write a two-page reflection on what you learned from your leadership interview. This should not be a repeat of the questions/answers asked in the interview, but an overview of what you learned and how you can use this information in your own leadership experiences.

Interview Questions:

- What does leadership mean to you?
- What strengths do you believe are necessary for a leader?
- Have there been moments that have challenged you as a leader? How did you overcome it and what did you learn?
- Who or what has been your greatest influence as a leader?
- Leaders make other people feel empowered and confident. What do you do to help others feel this way?
- Do you feel it's important to delegate? If so, why? When is a good time to delegate?
- What are three or four actions you believe are essential to enable others to be successful?
- What advice do you have for building relationships and trust in an organization?
- Include three interview questions of your own.

Formatting Requirements:

- A two-page written reflection
- Times New Roman Font in 12 pt font
- Double spaced
- 1-inch margins

Submission:

- Submit the final paper via Bengal Connect
- In order to be eligible to be awarded a Student Leadership Micro-Credential for the 2021-2022 academic year, all assignments must be completed by April 29, 2022.