



# Northeastern University

## College of Professional Studies

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Graduate Certificate in Workforce Development is a unique program offered by School of Education within Northeastern University's College of Professional Studies, in partnership with the Commonwealth Workforce Coalition (CWC). The program addresses the demonstrated need in Massachusetts for graduate-level education in the field of workforce development.

#### WHO SHOULD ENROLL

The program is designed to meet the needs of professionals who:

- Are currently working in formal workforce development positions in either public, non-profit, or private organizations
- Have workforce development-related responsibilities within a broader framework
- Wish to advance in their career in workforce development
- Are considering a career change

#### CURRICULUM

The program consists of six three-quarter hour courses for a total of 18 quarter hours, and may be completed in as little as one year. Courses are taught by Northeastern faculty and CWC senior trainers.

Courses include:

- Employer Relations – Improving Employer Outcomes
- Strategic Planning, Program Design, and Implementation
- Working with Participants – Improving Participant Outcomes
- Understanding Labor Markets
- Research and Evaluation
- Workforce Development Policy

Credits earned in the graduate certificate may be applied to a Master of Education (M.Ed) degree or the Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Master of Science in Leadership programs.

#### LOCATION & SCHEDULE

Courses are offered in the evening at Northeastern University's Boston campus.

#### COST

School of Education tuition for the 2009-2010 academic year is \$410 per quarter hour.<sup>1</sup> Students affiliated with organizations that actively participate in CWC programs will receive a special discount from Northeastern and may be eligible for additional scholarships from CWC.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Classes begin in January 2010, and applications are being accepted now. For more information, please visit [www.northeastern.edu/cps/wfd](http://www.northeastern.edu/cps/wfd) or contact Carol Bower of the Commonwealth Workforce Coalition at [cbower@cedac.org](mailto:cbower@cedac.org) or 617-727-5944.

<sup>1</sup> *Tuition and fees are subject to revision by the president and Board of Trustees at any time.*

## **ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

The College of Professional Studies provides non-traditional learners, international students, and working professionals with an education that is innovative, flexible, substantial, and at the nexus of practice and academic theory.

Our programs are designed to reflect our students' career goals and provide them the opportunity for advancement. We have developed a rich academic curriculum that corresponds to thriving industries such as healthcare, education, business, creative media, and information technology.

## **ABOUT THE COMMONWEALTH WORKFORCE COALITION**

The Commonwealth Workforce Coalition focuses on building the professional capacity of the workforce development field in order to improve employment outcomes for low-income residents of the Commonwealth. It offers a range of professional development and training programs for more than 500 workforce development practitioners each year.