

Penn State offers leadership course

"Education for Indians by Indians" is the focus of the Native American Leadership Training Program at The Pennsylvania State University. The program is accepting applicants for admission for the 1982 fall term.

Now, in its 12th year, the program prepares Native Americans for leadership roles in schools, colleges and universities, tribal organizations and government.

"Because nearly all our graduates return to local Indian communities to serve as education leaders, Penn State's program is not only becoming increasingly well-known, but also is serving an ever widening range of needs," says Grayson B. Noley, director of the program and a Choctaw from Oklahoma.

Dr. Noley notes most graduates are employed as principals, superintendents, and educators in schools and colleges. Numerous others are

working on local, tribal and national Indian education affairs.

Penn State's program is the longest continuously operating one of its kind. Since 1970, a total of 124 master's and doctoral degree students — from 49 tribes and 19 reservations located in 20 states — have enrolled.

The advanced degree courses are offered to qualified American Indians and Alaskan Natives in educational administration, curriculum and instruction, and instruction and education theory and policy. The courses, and the program, are offered by the College of Education.

"Our program was established on the premise that we need well-trained Indian professionals staffing our schools," says Dr. Noley.

"Schools for Indians traditionally have been staffed by non-Indians. However, research has shown that parents of Indian children have more confi-

dence in their schools when they are operated by qualified Indian educators who can serve as positive role models," he explains.

Graduates of the program also fend for Indian education at national and state levels, serving in key positions with such agencies as the Office of Indian Education and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Noley states.

Established in 1970, the program is now funded through the Office of Indian Education in the U.S. Department of Education.

Students in the program are granted tuition, a monthly stipend and additional support money for each dependent.

Persons interested in learning more about the program should contact Dr. Grayson B. Noley, Director, Native American Leadership Training Program, 403 Rackley Building, University Park, Pa., 16802. Noley's telephone number is 814-865-1489.