M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM
NC State’s Higher Education Administration program provides exceptional opportunities for individuals interested in higher education and student affairs to explore a core body of knowledge, gain real-world professional experience, and pursue advanced study. Program content is informed by relevant theory, scholarly research, and best practices within the field. In addition, the program links theoretical foundations of higher education leadership and administration to practical application of skills through required internship and assistantship experiences.

As a student in our program, you will develop the professional expertise required for entry or advancement in colleges and universities, governmental agencies, or public service organizations. In addition, you will benefit from several distinct program characteristics:

- Diverse students and faculty representing a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and research interests
- A commitment to social justice advocacy in education and society
- Access to multiple institutional types in the Triangle area that provide diverse contexts for learning and professional development

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
The Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Higher Education Administration requires completion of 39 credit hours, which encompass at least one internship or practicum. Time to degree is typically 2-3 years depending on enrollment status. Courses in the program are offered in person, and each meets once per week in the afternoon or evening to accommodate full-time professionals who are students in the program. The core curriculum for the M.Ed. includes courses such as:

- Foundations of Higher Education and Student Affairs
- Student Characteristics and the College Environment
- Student Development Theory
- Research and Assessment in Higher Education and Student Affairs
- Internship in Adult and Higher Education

OUR GRADUATES
Our outstanding alumni leave their mark on higher education institutions and other organizations through their commitment to excellence and innovation. Graduates of the M.Ed. program in Higher Education Administration are leaders at their institutions, serve their broader communities, and maintain active membership in professional associations. Recent alumni have gone on to pursue careers in academic advising, career services, university advancement, multicultural student affairs, residential life, student involvement, and numerous other functional areas. Many of our program graduates also go on to pursue doctoral education in the field of higher education. For our most recent graduating cohort, we had a 100% placement rate within six months of graduation.

CURRENT MASTER’S STUDENT PROFILE

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FUTURE STUDENTS
Application materials must be submitted via NC State’s web-based application system. The application deadline is once per year, on December 1st, for fall admission. A complete application includes:

- Personal statement of interest and desired career goals
- Professional résumé or CV
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended (except NC State)
- Three (3) professional/academic recommendations
- Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- Proof of English proficiency for international students