

HIGHER EDUCATION

M.S. EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP STUDIES

COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION,
HEALTH &
AVIATION



Oklahoma State offers a master's degree with an emphasis in higher education for individuals who desire to concentrate on the study of postsecondary education. The goal of the program is to develop leaders and scholars who lead higher education institutions effectively, possess a broad understanding of postsecondary education, conduct scholarly research and contribute to the development of the profession. The coursework offers comprehensive exposure to the complex issues facing higher education today. Students in the higher education and student affairs program focus on issues within the realm of higher education administration and diverse student populations.

THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS TO DEVELOP LEADERS WHO:

- ▷ Balance theory, research and practice in the administration of institutions of higher education
- ▷ Apply theoretical frameworks to address administrative and organizational issues in postsecondary institutions
- ▷ Develop leadership capacities within the administration of higher education
- ▷ Address the trends and needs of higher education organizations and diverse student populations

Students in the program work with academic faculty and affiliated faculty who are employed full-time as student affairs administrators.

For more than 45 years, we have placed our graduates in student affairs positions at colleges and universities across the U.S. Oklahoma State alumni are recognized as some of the most talented student affairs professionals in the country.

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REQUIRED CORE CURRICULUM

- ▷ HESA 5213 Student Development Theory
- ▷ HESA 5813 Leadership Theory & Ethical Decision Making in Higher Education
- ▷ HESA 5953 Organizational Development for Higher Education
- ▷ HESA 5973 Foundations of Higher Education
- ▷ HESA 6220 Internship in Higher Education
- ▷ HESA 6233 Critical Issues in Higher Education
- ▷ HESA 6583 The Impact of College on Students & Society

Students in this program also enroll in a capstone course, which includes a creative component and portfolio.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must have:

- ▷ Baccalaureate degree with at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- ▷ Career goals that match the program's learning objectives

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Currently enrolled graduate students can apply for assistantships, scholarships, financial aid and travel support for professional conferences. For more information regarding College of Education, Health and Aviation scholarships, please visit: education.okstate.edu/scholarships.

Graduate Assistant (GA) and Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) positions are available for students through a separate application process.

MORE INFORMATION

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; however, application materials must be received at least six weeks prior to the semester desired to start coursework. Preference for graduate assistantship positions will be given to those candidates who submit completed applications by February 1 for a fall matriculation.

An applicant's file will be reviewed when all materials have been received by the Graduate College and notification of the admission decision will follow prior to the start of the next semester. Students must complete and submit the following:

1. Graduate College Application
 - ▷ Visit app.it.okstate.edu/gradcollege to complete the online application
 - ▷ Submit the non-refundable application fee
 - ▷ Submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
2. Program Application
 - ▷ Current academic resume or curriculum vita
 - ▷ Three letters of recommendation
 - ▷ Career objectives essay (1-2 pages, double spaced)
 - ▷ Critical issue essay (1-2 pages, double spaced)
 - ▷ Two examples of written work
 - ▷ Interview: The program faculty may request an interview with the applicant.