

Ph.D. Application Requirements Higher Education & Student Affairs (HESA)

Applicants to the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (with option in Higher Education) are expected to have an earned master's degree with at least a 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) and career goals that match the learning objectives of the Higher Education & Student Affairs program. Applicants must provide the following materials:

1. Current academic resume/Vita
2. Career objectives and personal goals essay
This is a 1-2 page (double-spaced in 12-point font) essay. The recommended considerations to address are:
 - a. What are your career goals? How do these relate to the critical issue that you discussed?
 - b. How would a Ph.D. in Higher Education contribute to your professional and personal development?
 - c. What qualities, characteristics, and skills do you possess that make you a strong candidate for a Ph.D. in Higher Education through Oklahoma State University?
 - d. Why do you wish to attend the Higher Education Ph.D. program through Oklahoma State University?
 - e. Please briefly explain prior knowledge you may have about this particular program.
3. Three letters of recommendation
Letters of recommendation from faculty of current or former course work are strongly preferred. At least two letters of recommendation must be from faculty of a current or former course.
4. Non-refundable application fee
5. Official transcripts of all previous and current college work
6. Official scores less than 5 years old from one of the following: (1) the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) verbal, quantitative and writing sections, (2) the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), (3) the Graduate Management Analogies Test (GMAT) or (4) the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
7. PhD applicants have the option of submitting a writing sample to supplement their other materials. While optional, a writing sample can help communicate the level of your academic writing skills and showcase your work
8. The HESA faculty may request an interview.
For the convenience of the applicant, a requested interview may be either on-site or remote, e.g., Skype, Zoom, etc.

Unless otherwise announced, applications to the HESA Ph.D. program are due March 15 for matriculation the following fall semester. Incomplete applications are not reviewed.