

M.S. Application Requirements Higher Education & Student Affairs (HESA)

Applicants to the M.S. in Educational Leadership Studies (with options in Higher Education and College Student Development) are expected to have an earned baccalaureate 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. *Academic Resume or Curriculum Vitae*

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:

- What are your career goals? How do these relate to some of the current issues in higher education?
- How would a master's degree in Higher Education or College Student Development contribute to your professional and personal development?
- What qualities, characteristics, and skills do you possess that make you a strong candidate for a master's degree in Higher Education or College Student Development through Oklahoma State University?
- Why do you wish to attend the College Student Development or Higher Education program through Oklahoma State University?

3. *Transcripts of all previous and current college work*

4. *Non-refundable application fee*

5. *Three letters of recommendation*

Letters of recommendation from faculty of current or former course work are strongly preferred. At least one letter of recommendation must be from faculty of a current or former course.

6. *Optional Academic Writing Sample*

While optional, a writing sample can help communicate the level of your academic writing skills and showcase your work.

7. *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.

Applications to HESA master's programs are accepted on a rolling basis but must be submitted no later than six weeks prior to the start of the semester in which the applicant desires to matriculate. Applicants interested in graduate assistantships must submit all application materials no later than February 1 (for matriculation the following fall semester) as a priority deadline.