Master's and Doctoral Degrees

The Higher Education Leadership Program is one of three program areas within the Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology at FAU. We offer a Master of Education and a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Leadership.

The Higher Education Leadership Master's Degree (M.Ed.) program is designed for individuals aspiring to, or currently holding, leadership positions in institutions of higher education.

The Higher Education Leadership Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.) program provides individuals with opportunities to refine skills, initiate research, and approach challenges and opportunities to effectively lead at the executive level.

Selected Higher Education Courses

- Introduction to Higher Education
- History and Philosophy of Higher Education
- Organization and Administration
- Higher Education Business and Finance
- Legal Issues in Higher Education
- Student Development Theory
- Improvement of Instruction in Colleges
- Community College Curriculum
- Student Affairs Leadership
- Contemporary Issues in Student Affairs
- Seminar in Higher Education
- Directed Conferences
- International Comparative Higher Education

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For University Registrar's forms including non-degree student application information
www.fau.edu/registrar/forms.php

For graduate assistantship information
www.fau.edu/graduate/prospectivestudents/financing/assistantships/index.php
For financial aid information
www.fau.edu/finaid/typesofaid
Our Program Emphasis
The Higher Education Leadership Program at FAU prepares leaders in higher education for the core missions of teaching, research, and service. Our program prepares individuals in leadership positions in community colleges, state colleges, universities, agencies, and proprietary colleges and universities. Areas of emphasis include:
- university leadership,
- community college and state college leadership,
- student affairs leadership,
- instructional leadership,
- foundations of higher education, and
- higher education policy.
The program of study is organized around the following domains:
- leadership and management,
- higher education foundations, and
- research methodology.

Our Mission
The Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology is a community of scholars focusing on the preparation and support of leaders and researchers in Florida, the nation, and the international community.

Our Faculty
Full-time graduate faculty members have extensive graduate teaching experience, myriad research publications, and years of practical experience as higher education administrators. Their areas of expertise are in the fields of college and university leadership, finance, policy, governance, student development, student affairs, community colleges, and minorities and women in higher education among many others.
Graduate associate faculty members teach part-time to support the mission of the program and add diversity of perspective in specialized courses. They are full-time administrators in the field of higher education in such roles as associate dean, dean, and vice president of various divisions.
The department faculty include outstanding educational leadership and research methodology experts, who along with our higher education faculty, facilitate the core leadership and research courses.

Our Students
Students currently hold or aspire to hold senior leadership positions in a variety of sectors including public, private, and for-profit institutions. Nearly 80% of our students take classes at night, on weekends, and online to accommodate their professional schedules.

Our Alumni
Graduates include provosts, vice presidents, policy analysts, college and university deans of students, student affairs administrators, fiscal affairs officers, academic affairs officers, college planners and engineers, and college and university professors.

Graduate Assistants in Higher Education
Graduate assistantship opportunities are available to graduate students interested in higher education administration and research. Full-time, degree-seeking enrollment status is required. Compensation includes tuition waiver and stipend for the length of the appointment. Limited competitive fellowships are also available. Please contact the Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology for application information.
Specialized graduate assistantships, within the area of student affairs, are available in the various departments of the Division of Student Affairs. If you have any questions regarding Student Affairs graduate assistantships, please contact the Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at 561-297-3542 or visit www.fau.edu/sagadays.