Community College Education
Master of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership

The Community College Education track seeks to familiarize community college practitioners with the history, mission, and philosophy of the community college. The program also explores critical issues such as community college organization, curriculum, and innovative teaching strategies that support instructional excellence and improved student learning in these institutions.

Degree Requirements
♦ Complete the prescribed program, a minimum of 42 credit hours beyond the Bachelor's degree, including the selected program requirements within a period of seven years (transfer credit may not exceed 9 credit hours)
♦ Have an overall 3.0 GPA on all graduate work attempted (6 maximum hours of C)
♦ Pass a comprehensive examination near the conclusion of the planned program of study

Program Goals
The following broad objectives guide the curriculum and practical experiences of the program. The Community College Specialization degree seeks to prepare community college educators (who teach community college students in the UCF service region) with contemporary skills in information literacy, information technology, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. Approximately twenty-five percent of community college students who began their higher education in the Florida community college system transfer to UCF.

Program of Study
Students are allowed to take 9 credits each semester

Area A. Core (24 credit hours)
EDH 6053 The Comm. College in America
EDH 6081 Contemporary Problems in the Community College
EDH 6204 Community College Org., Admin. and Supervision
EDH 6215 Comm. College Curriculum
EDH 6305 Teaching/Learning in Community College
EDF 6481 Fundamentals of Graduate Research
IDS 6504 Adult Learning
EDF 6432 Measurement and Eval. in Ed.
OR EDF 6401 Statistics for Ed. Data

Area B. Specialization (18 credits)
These courses will consist of six graduate courses in one of the following areas:
♦ Art
♦ Education
♦ English
♦ Mathematics
♦ Science
♦ Social Science (examples: history, economics, political science, sociology, psychology)

TOTAL MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED: 42

The UCF Graduate Catalog is the University's official record of graduate policies, admission and program requirements. Please refer to the current online catalog at http://www.ucf.edu/catalog/.
The Community College Specialization degree seeks to acquaint pre– and in-service faculty with an awareness of the diversity of the community college student population. In doing so, those faculty and other staff who interact with students in the community college and the university facilitate articulation, student transfer, and subsequent matriculation for diverse students.

The UCF College of Education has been nationally recognized for its partnership efforts with community colleges such as Brevard, Central Florida, Lake Sumter, Seminole and Valencia in its service region. The Community College Specialization strengthens this relationship.

These goals were derived from UCF’s 2002-2007 Strategic Plan.

**Program Options**

The Community College Specialization area consists of the following certificate and/or degree options:

- The Graduate Certificate in Comm. College Education
- The Master of Arts in Higher Educational Leadership—Community College Education with tracks in Art, Education, English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Sciences

**Admission Requirements**

1. Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
2. Official competitive GRE score taken within the last five years
3. Résumé
4. Personal Goal Statement
5. Three letters of recommendation
6. Official transcript

**Application Procedures**

If you are interested in applying to the MA program, visit [www.graduate.ucf.edu](http://www.graduate.ucf.edu) and select “Apply Online”. You can direct admission questions to the College of Education, Student Affairs, in ED room 110 or by phone 407-823-3723, or to the Division of Graduate Studies at 407-823-2766.

Completed application files include:

- Graduate application (online)
- Official transcripts from all previous academic work
- Official, competitive GRE score

**Provisional Admission**

Students who fail to meet University admissions standards have the opportunity to apply for admission via the provisional category. To be considered for provisional status, students must file an application for Provisional Status. Applications are available in the COE Student Affairs Office, ED 110. Applications must be accompanied by a résumé, 3 letters of recommendation, and approved by the program coordinator of the MA in Student Personnel in Higher Ed. Applications for Provisional Admission are considered once each term for admission the following term.

**Application Deadlines**

Admission to this degree program occurs three times each year. Complete applications must be received by:

- January 15 for Fall Priority Admission
- July 15 for Fall Admission
- December 1 for Spring Admission
- April 15 for Summer Admission

The University, along with this College and our Department strive to be known for its students, policies, and practices in the area of domestic diversity. We encourage candidates applying to our programs to participate in service learning opportunities and field experiences in order to increase their knowledge and commitment to diversity sensitivity.

**The University of Central Florida**

UCF is one of the 11 state universities in Florida, providing 97 Baccalaureate Programs, 95 Master’s Programs, 3 Specialist Degrees, 29 Doctoral Programs and 1 Professional Program. Situated in Orlando, one of the most rapidly developing areas of the nation, the University has over 50,000 students currently enrolled and over 1770 full and part-time faculty members. Academic programs are offered in Orlando and 12 UCF Regional Campuses strategically located throughout central Florida.

For more information, you may contact:

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HEPS is located within the Dept of Educational Research, Technology & Leadership. ERTL’s website is : [www.edcollege.ucf.edu/ertl](http://www.edcollege.ucf.edu/ertl)