Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education Degree (EdD)
The Educational Leadership EdD is designed to prepare educators for leadership positions at all levels of educational administration. A second purpose of the degree program is preparation for positions in teaching and research. As a professional program, studies are flexible and diverse, allowing for individual needs to be met. While a thorough knowledge of the field of higher education leadership is expected of all Doctoral students, individuals will also gain expertise in at least one area of specialization. Specialization knowledge is obtained through course work, independent and directed studies, research, and field experiences.

HEPS- Higher Education

HEPS is appropriate for students who are committed to advancing their leadership capabilities in college and university settings. The Program of Study (POS) has been designed to broaden the administrative knowledge and skills of higher education professionals who bring to the program a prior discipline specialization. Students admitted to the program are typically employed in teaching, research, and administrative positions in community colleges and universities or education related agencies. The course sequence in this degree makes it possible for students to attend on a part-time basis.

Program of Study

Area I. Prerequisite Courses
As necessary

Area II. Higher Education Core (15 credit hours)
EDH 6046 Diversity in Higher Education
EDH 6632 American Professoriate & College Presidency
EDH 7401 Higher Ed. & Public Policy
EDH 7040 Research on the College Student
EDH 7631 Managing Change, Conflict, & Stability in Higher Education

Area III. Higher Education Specialization (12)
EDH 6065 History & Philosophy of Higher Education
EDH 6635 Organization & Administration of Higher Education
EDH 6505 Finance in Higher Education
EDH 7236 Legal Issues in Higher Education

Area IV. Cognate Courses (6)
See list below in Area VII or additional courses with approval from your faculty advisor

Area V. Research and Data Analysis (9)
EDF 6401 Statistics for Educational Data
EDF 7403 Quantitative Foundations of Ed. Research
EDF 7463 Analysis of Qualitative Data

Area VI. Dissertation (21 hours minimum)
* EDA 7934 must be taken before dissertation hours may be started

Area VII. Additional Specialization and/or Cognate Courses
EDH 6047 Theories of College Student Dev.
EDH 7054 Issues in Postsecondary Education
EDH 7409 Legal Issues in Higher Education II
EDH 7638 Advanced Seminar in Higher Ed.
EDH 7366 Assessment Practices in Higher Education
EDH 6045 First Year College Experience
EDH 6067 International Higher Education
EDH 7934 Higher Ed. Lit, Research & Professional Writing

This brochure is a preliminary informational tool. Prospective applicants and current students must become familiar with the Graduate Catalog. This is the University’s official record of graduate policies, admission and program requirements. For current information please review: http://www.ucf.edu/catalog/
The Student Personnel Association (SPA) is open to both graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in the study of Higher Education. SPA is designed to provide a support system, present professional development, and create awareness of careers in colleges, universities, and other sectors of postsecondary education.

**Admissions**

**Admission Requirements**
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for the last 60 hours
- Master’s degree in a closely related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 on all graduate work at the time of application
- Official, competitive GRE score taken within the last five years
- Positive recommendation for admission by the Leadership Admissions Review Committee

**Application Procedures**

If you are interested in applying to the EdD program, visit www.graduate.ucf.edu and select “Apply Online”. You can direct admission questions to the College of Education, Academic Services, in ED room 110 or by phone 407-823-3723.

Completed application files include:
- Graduate application (online)
- Official transcripts from all previous academic work
- Official, competitive GRE score
- Three letters of recommendation
- Goal Statement
- Résumé
- Official transcript for all previous courses

**Degree Requirements**

- Minimum of 63 credit hours beyond the Master’s and all program requirements met within a period of 7 years
- 3.0 GPA on all graduate work
- Successful completion of all required examinations
- Successful completion and defense of the dissertation

For more information, visit these websites:

Higher Education PhD
www.edcollege.ucf.edu/highered

Graduate Studies Admissions
University of Central Florida
P.O. Box 160112 Orlando, FL 32816-0112
http://www.graduate.ucf.edu

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

Questions related to HEPS may be sent to:
heps@mail.ucf.edu

**Application Deadlines**

Admissions to the Doctoral program occur three times each year. Complete applications must be received by:
- January 15 for Fall Priority
- June 20 for Fall
- September 20 for Spring
- February 1 for Summer

**Program Faculty**

Faculty members in Educational Leadership bring a wide range of experience in many aspects of education and a broad base of research interests. As professionals, they are dedicated to the improvement of educational practices through a better understanding of learning processes and the structures which support these processes. The University, along with this College and our Department, strive to be known for its attitudes, policies, and practices in the area of domestic diversity. We encourage doctorate 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, visit these websites:

Higher Education PhD
www.edcollege.ucf.edu/highered

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http://www.graduate.ucf.edu

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

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Associate Graduate Faculty

Additional instructional personnel from across the University serve as adjuncts and in dissertation committees. These colleagues support the work of regular faculty by providing the cutting-edge perspective of practitioners-scholars.