Welcome to the Education, PhD, Higher Education Track. This degree has been designed for individuals who have extensive experience as administrators or staff in postsecondary institutions who want to pursue careers as scholars and leaders; specifically as professors of Higher Education in research universities or other research-based organizations. Our students are interested in advancing a research agenda dealing with the inquiry of the governance, organization, and administration of traditional Higher Education and postsecondary educational institutions in general. The research interests, and therefore, the dissertation of most of our students focus on the different stakeholders of the American postsecondary system, including among others, faculty, students, staff, and administrators.

Program of Study

Core Courses (24 credit hours)
- IDS 7501 Issues and Research in Ed.
- IDS 7500 Research Seminar (6 credits)
- EDF 7475 Qualitative Research Methods in Education
- EDF 7403 Quantitative Research Methods in Education
- EDF 7463 Analysis of Survey, Record and other Qualitative Data
- IDS 7502 Case Studies in Ed. Research
- IDS 7938 Research Cluster Seminar

Internship (3 credit hours)
EDH 6946 Higher Education Internship provides students with unpaid on-the-job training and observation. This experience provides an opportunity for students to gain or expand their understanding of their field.

Specialization (18 credit hours)
- EDH 6632 American Professoriate & College Presidency
- EDH 7401 Higher Ed. & Public Policy
- EDH 7631 Managing Change, Conflict & Stability in Higher Education
- EDH 7236 Legal Issues in Higher Ed.
- EDH 6065 History & Philosophy of Higher Education
- EDH 6635 Org. & Admin. of Higher Ed.

Dissertation (24 credit hours)
EDH 7934 Higher Ed. Lit, Research & Professional Writing must be taken before starting dissertation work.

General Notes
- The PhD in Education requires a minimum of 69 credit hours beyond the Master’s degree.
- Up to 9 credit hours of post-bac work may be transferred (these are graduate hours that are not from an earned Master’s degree)

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Admissions

Admission Requirements
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for the last 60 hours
- Official, competitive GRE score taken within the last five years
- Résumé
- Personal Goal Statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts

Application Procedures
For information on general UCF graduate admissions, visit www.graduate.ucf.edu and select “Apply Online”. You can direct admission questions to:
The College of Education, Student Affairs ED 110, phone: 407-823-3723, or The Division of Graduate Studies at 407-823-2766.

Completed application files include:
- One official transcript from each college attended
- A Master’s degree in a closely related field
- Official, competitive GRE score
- Three letters of recommendation
- Goal Statement
- Résumé
- A writing sample
- Official transcripts for all previous courses

Application Deadlines
Admissions into this degree program occurs one time each year. Applications must be received by:
- December 20 for Fall Priority Admission
- February 15 for Fall Admission

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