

# HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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The Higher Education Program prepares students for positions of leadership in teaching, research, and administration at community colleges, four-year colleges, and universities around the globe. The interdisciplinary curriculum focuses on leadership, the scholarship of teaching and learning, administration, and assessment. The program also prepares students for positions in academic and student affairs as well as in associations, government agencies, and industries whose activities relate to or impact higher education.

## MA in Higher Education and Student Development

The program prepares students for positions in higher education administration, student development, non-profit higher education associations, and government organizations. Today's higher education professionals are required to address both the needs of incoming traditionally aged students, as well as those of older students returning for a degree and special populations. The wide range of student backgrounds in the current complex context requires a holistic approach to college student development.

## Doctor of Philosophy in Education with Specialization in Higher Education

The doctor of philosophy in education with a specialization in higher education is offered jointly by the Higher Education Program and the College of Education and Human Development. This doctoral program prepares students for faculty positions and positions of leadership in administration and student services through core required coursework in higher education and through a secondary concentration that can further disciplinary expertise.

See the Education, PhD for more information.

## Certificates

The program offers graduate certificates in college teaching with a concentration in higher education pedagogy and in higher education administration. Students may take these as stand-alone certificates or pursue them concurrently with a graduate degree program. Part of the certificate course work may be applied to the degree subject to the approval of the director of the graduate degree program. Students must apply and be accepted to a graduate certificate program.

## Faculty

### Program Faculty

#### Core Faculty

Lester (interim director), Schrum, Swan

#### Affiliate Faculty

Anthony, Brown Leonard, Cicchetti, Farris, Foster, Holmes, Hughes, Jorgenson, Lortenson, Lucas, Okahana, Owen, Park, Scher, Stearns

## Programs

- College Teaching Graduate Certificate (HE)
- Higher Education Administration Graduate Certificate
- Higher Education and Student Development, MA