

***Frequently Asked Questions
Higher Education Program
Graduate Certificate Program***

What is the profile of the successful Graduate Certificate applicant?

Students represent diverse cultural identities and perspectives, enroll full-time and part-time, and are recent graduates, returning students, and/or working professionals. Students enter from a variety of academic areas such as Education, Political Science, Business, Ethnic Studies, Kinesiology, and others.

What can I do with the Graduate Certificate in higher education?

The Graduate Certificate offers opportunities for any individual interested in working in colleges and universities to hone their skills by taking coursework that focuses on the current trends and methodologies in the higher education administration sector.

How do I apply?

Please contact Dr. Colette Taylor, Higher Education Master's Program Coordinator at colette.taylor@ttu.edu and refer to the Master of Education Program Handbook.

Do I have to take the GRE?

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must **does not** need be taken for the Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Administration program.

If I receive Graduate Certificate Program, am I automatically accepted into the Master's in Higher Education program if I want to continue?

A Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Administration from Texas Tech University or any other university does not guarantee admission to the master's program. Individuals must apply to the Master's Program although the 15 credits from the Graduate Certificate will count toward the Master's in Higher Education.

Can I complete the program if I am employed full time?

Yes, the program accommodates both students who are employed fulltime and individuals who intend to be fulltime students. Higher Education courses are typically offered one day/week during the evening (e.g. 5:00; 5:30) Mon–Thurs. Courses are also offered in hybrid form (online as well as in class), accelerated form (e.g. 8-weeks), over weekends, and in the summer to accommodate current leaders in higher education and other working professionals.

***Frequently Asked Questions
Higher Education Program
Masters Degree Program***

What is the profile of the successful MEd applicant?

Students represent diverse cultural identities and perspectives, enroll full-time and part-time, and are recent graduates, returning students, and/or working professionals. Students enter from a variety of academic areas such as Education, Political Science, Business, Ethnic Studies, Kinesiology, and others.

What can I do with the MEd in higher education?

The MEd program is designed to facilitate the development of skills, knowledge, and perspectives required of successful entry-level and mid-level administrators/leaders in community colleges and four-year colleges and universities. Examples of typical positions held by MEd graduates include: Leadership Coordinator, Academic Advisor, Athletic Advisor, Residence Hall Director, Assistant Director of International Programs, Athletic Coach/Trainer, Director of Admissions, and Assistant Dean for Multicultural Services.

How do I apply?

Please contact Dr. Colette Taylor, Higher Education Master's Program Coordinator at colette.taylor@ttu.edu and refer to the Master of Education Program Handbook.

Do I have to take the GRE?

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must **does not** need be taken for the Masters in Higher Education program, although it is required for the doctoral program.

Can I transfer credit from another program?

Only six approved semester hours of coursework may be transferred from another accredited university. Transfer courses may not include practicums or internships. The transfer credit must be counted as electives or approved as substitutions for required courses.

Can I complete the program if I am employed full time?

Yes, the program accommodates both students who are employed fulltime and individuals who intend to be fulltime students. The Higher Education courses are typically offered one day/week during the evening (e.g. 5:00; 5:30) Mon–Thurs. Courses are also offered in hybrid form (online as well as in class), accelerated form (e.g. 8-weeks), over weekends, and in the summer to accommodate current leaders in higher education and other working professionals.

***Frequently Asked Questions
Higher Education Program
Doctorate of Education Degree (EdD) Program***

What degrees or experience must I have?

We expect a master's degree and at least 3 years successful work experience in the field of higher education (preferably post-master's.) However, we recognize that prospective students likely come from a variety of backgrounds and professional experiences; if you would like to discuss your own profile, please call.

I understand I must have a master's degree. Does it have to be a master's in the field of education?

No. There are many different master's degrees that might provide a solid base for this doctoral program.

Is there an interview required for admission?

Yes.

Can I get accepted into this doctoral program with 1 years of experience?

The requirements state an expectation of 3 (three) years of experience and we expect to adhere to that.

Can I transfer credit from another program?

Only six approved semester hours of coursework may be transferred from another accredited university. Transfer courses may not include practicums or internships. The transfer credit must be counted as electives or approved as substitutions for required courses.

How long does the program take?

The program is designed so that it is possible to complete it in about three years (assuming full-time enrollment). However, your learning goals and life situation might lead you to choose to take four or more years. Part-time students take closer to 5 years to complete the program.

Can any of these courses be taken online?

Several delivery models are planned for this program, including on-line options and intensive weekend sessions, in addition to face to face class meetings.

Can I complete the program if I am employed full time?

Yes. The courses are typically offered one day/week during the evening (e.g. 5:00; 5:30) Mon–Thurs. Courses are also offered in hybrid form (online as well as in class), accelerated form (e.g. 8-weeks), over weekends, and in the summer to accommodate current leaders in higher education and other working professionals.

What kinds of jobs might I get with this degree?

As the title of the degree might imply, the focus of the program is to prepare administrators in higher education; however, the degree might be used in a number of related fields as well.

How do I apply?

Please contact Dr. Roy Rodriguez, Higher Education Doctoral Program Coordinator at roy.c.rodriguez@ttu.edu and refer to the Doctorate of Education Program Handbook.

What should I include in the Professional Portfolio?

Your professional portfolio should include the Texas Tech University Graduate Application Cover Sheet, a letter of application, your resume, 2-3 writing samples as well as the Ed.D. or Ph.D. acknowledgement form. Please make sure that your letter of application demonstrates a commitment to enter the administrative ranks of 2- or 4- year institutions of higher education or the university professorate in higher education administration.

***Frequently Asked Questions
Higher Education Program
Doctorate of Philosophy Degree (PhD) Program***

What degrees or experience must I have?

We expect a master's degree and at least 5 years successful work experience in the field of higher education (preferably post-master's.) However, we recognize that prospective students likely come from a variety of backgrounds and professional experiences; if you would like to discuss your own profile, please call.

I understand I must have a master's degree. Does it have to be a master's in the field of education?

No. There are many different master's degrees that might provide a solid base for this doctoral program.

Is there an interview required for admission?

Yes.

Can I get accepted into the doctoral program with 3 years of experience?

The requirements state an expectation of 5 (five) years of experience and we expect to adhere to that.

Can I transfer credit from another program?

Only six approved semester hours of coursework may be transferred from another accredited university. Transfer courses may not include practicums or internships. The transfer credit must be counted as electives or approved as substitutions for required courses.

How long does the program take?

The program is designed so that it is possible to complete it in about three years (assuming full-time enrollment). However, your learning goals and life situation might lead you to choose to take four or more years. Part-time students take closer to 5 years to complete the program.

Can any of these courses be taken online?

Several delivery models are planned for this program, including on-line options and intensive weekend sessions, in addition to face to face class meetings.

Can I complete the program if I am employed full time?

Yes. The courses are typically offered one day/week during the evening (e.g. 5:00; 5:30) Mon–Thurs. Courses are also offered in hybrid form (online as well as in class), accelerated form (e.g. 8-weeks), over weekends, and in the summer to accommodate current leaders in higher education and other working professionals.

What kinds of jobs might I get with this degree?

As the title of the degree might imply, the focus of the program is to prepare administrators in higher education; however, the degree might be used in a number of related fields as well.

How do I apply?

Please contact Dr. Roy Rodriguez, Higher Education Doctoral Program Coordinator at roy.c.rodriguez@ttu.edu and refer to the Doctorate of Philosophy Program Handbook.

What should I include in the Professional Portfolio?

Your professional portfolio should include the Texas Tech University Graduate Application Cover Sheet, a letter of application, your resume, 2-3 writing samples as well as the Ed.D. or Ph.D. acknowledgement form. Please make sure that your letter of application demonstrates a commitment to enter the administrative ranks of 2- or 4- year institutions of higher education or the university professorate in higher education administration.