



Graduate Academic Learning Compact

Educ Leadership - Higher Education Administration

Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Higher Education Administration program is to prepare highly competent, solutions-oriented professionals and leaders to work in all areas of higher education and post-secondary administration, including student affairs, housing, finance and administration, admissions and enrollment management, advancement and alumni relations, and international programs. Graduate students enrolled in the program are expected to have or acquire practical experience in the field prior to graduation, either through employment in a higher education institution or a practicum experience at institutions such as the University of North Florida, Florida State College at Jacksonville, and Jacksonville University. Faculty are actively engaged in research on issues related to higher education administration and participate actively in professional organizations such as the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) and NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education that are dedicated to higher education.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able

Knowledge of Literature of Discipline (req)

- Students will examine the existing research in the field of higher education and explain how these theories inform their work.
- Students will identify the historical influences that have shaped higher education in the 21st Century.
- Students will research the governance structures, departmental functions, and leadership roles in the context of higher education.
- Students will apply legal and ethical principles to the resolution of actual problems and issues in higher education.

Independent Research/ Professional Practice (req)

- Students will recognize and apply leadership, organizational, and management practices that contribute to institutions in accomplishing their missions.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of the various funding sources for higher education and be able to analyze and develop budgets.

Assessment Approaches

Course embedded assignments in the required core curriculum.