



HIGHER EDUCATION

Master of Arts Degree and Education Specialist Degree



Interested in completing this degree at one of our off-campus locations?

This program meets face-to-face in one of the ten northwestern North Carolina counties, with classes held evenings and/or weekends to accommodate work-day schedules. This program follows a cohort format: if enough demand is found in an area, a cohort of students is chosen from the applicant pool to work through the program together. Cohorts typically take courses year round, two courses at a time. Please visit the Office of Extension and Distance Education's website for more information. <http://www.ext-dl.appstate.edu/>

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The Department of Leadership and Educational Studies offers the two graduate programs in higher education: Master of Arts and Education Specialist. Under those programs, there are three concentrations: Community College and University Leadership, Adult Education and Developmental Education, and Teaching.

Community College and University Leadership

The purpose of this program is to prepare persons for mid- and upper-level management and administration positions in colleges and universities. The program integrates theory and practice to enable graduates to deal with the diverse and complex demands of leadership in today's rapidly changing educational environments.

Adult and Developmental Education

The purpose of this program is to prepare professionals to assess the needs of adult and developmental learners in order to plan and administer courses, workshops, and programs for these populations. The program includes a focus on adult and developmental education in settings ranging from community agencies to business and industry through postsecondary education.

Teaching

The purpose of this program is to prepare persons for teaching positions in community colleges and universities. In addition to the work taken in professional education, there will be eighteen graduate hours in the student's teaching concentration taken outside the field of education. In this way, our graduates meet the criteria for college teaching established by regional accreditation agencies.

Special Opportunities for Higher Education Students

Summer Institutes provide unique opportunities for advanced study to both MA and EdS students.

- The Kellogg Institute

The Kellogg Institute for the Training and Certification of Developmental Educators is the nation's oldest continuous advanced training program for developmental educators and learning skills specialists. The program consists of an intensive, four-week summer residence and a supervised practicum following the residency that is carried out at the participant's home campus.

<http://www.ncde.appstate.edu/kellogg.htm>

- Adult Basic Skills Professional Development

Through extensive training programs and materials, Adult Basic Skills Professional Development provides a professional development structure upon which all North Carolina community college Basic Skills instructors can build a successful literacy program. It is estimated that the ABSPD Project's two summer institutes impact over 8,000 ABS instructors annually. The summer institutes run through a three year cycle which focuses on reading, writing, and mathematics.