
**Master of Arts in Higher Education
Education Specialist in Higher Education
Department of Leadership and Educational Studies
Reich College of Education**

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The Department of Leadership and Educational Studies offers the following graduate programs in higher education:

Master of Arts in Higher Education (Major Code: 454*/13.0406), with four concentrations:

- Administration (454B)
- Adult Education (454C)
- Developmental Education (454D)
- Teaching (454E)

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The Department of Leadership and Educational Studies also offers graduate programs in Educational Media, Library Science, and School Administration. These programs are detailed under separate headings in this bulletin.

The Department of Leadership and Educational Studies serves the education community and the public through:

- foundations of education courses for teacher education majors.
- research courses to help students develop skills and knowledge needed to understand the design, implementation, and evaluation of educational research.
- graduate programs in public school administration; community college and higher education administration, teaching, developmental education and adult education; library science; and educational media/instructional technology.

Courses in the following disciplines are offered through the Department of Leadership and Educational Studies:

FDN: educational foundations courses

HE: higher education courses

ITC: instructional technology courses (see the Educational Media – Instructional Technology program for course descriptions)

LIB: library science courses (see the Library Science program for course descriptions)

LSA: leadership in school administration courses (see the School Administration program for course descriptions)

RES: educational research courses

In addition, the Higher Education program includes coursework offered by other departments as follows:

CI: curriculum and instruction courses (see the Curriculum Specialist program for course descriptions)

HPC: human development and counseling courses (see the Community Counseling program for course descriptions)

The Higher Education graduate program was founded in 1968 in response to the growing need for community college and university instructors and administrators in North Carolina postsecondary institutions. Although the program continues its original role, it now serves a national and international population of students and professionals concerned with postsecondary education. The program's purposes include:

- preparing students for roles as community college and university instructors and administrators.
- advancing the skills and knowledge of current two-year and four-year college and university professionals.
- preparing students to design, deliver, and evaluate educational programs for adults in community colleges and

universities, allied health programs, industry, the community, and other agencies and organizations offering adult education.

- preparing students for doctoral-level studies.

Higher Education (M.A.) (454*/13.0406) — prepares students who wish to work in postsecondary institutional settings. Students must select one of the following concentrations: Administration (454B), Adult Education (454C), Developmental Education (454D), or Teaching (454E). The teaching concentration (454E) is designed to prepare students to teach in two-year community colleges and four-year institutions. The degree in Higher Education does not lead to North Carolina public school administration and supervision licensure.

Higher Education (Ed.S.) (455*/13.0406) — provides advanced graduate work beyond the M.A. degree for professionals in the area of postsecondary education. This degree is for individuals interested in advancing their careers, preparing for a doctoral program, or expanding their professional area to include one of four concentrations. Students must select one of the following concentrations: Administration (455B), Adult Education (455C), Developmental Education (455D), or Teaching (455E). The Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Higher Education (455*/13.0406) is designed to provide students who have earned a Masters degree an opportunity to advance their careers in the area of higher education administration, teaching or developmental education in two-year colleges, four-year colleges, or in organizations and institutions which provide adult education programs. The Ed.S. in Higher Education is a non-licensure program and does not lead to North Carolina teaching, administration, or supervision licensure.

General Information for All Students: A student working toward a degree and/or licensure in the Department of Leadership and Educational Studies must develop her/his Program of Study in consultation with an approved advisor. Candidacy forms must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research before the student has completed 12 semester hours of course work. Degree students taking courses without being officially assigned an advisor and receiving the advisor's approval do so at the risk of not having the courses approved as part of the degree program.

All electives must be approved by the student's advisor in all programs. Students pursuing or holding graduate degrees in other departments, and also seeking administration and supervision licensure, must take the necessary courses and internship prescribed by the Department of Leadership and Educational Studies.

Location of Program: The Higher Education programs are offered on campus in Boone in the format described in this Bulletin. Off-campus cohorts are started periodically, and follow a part-time extended program format. For information on upcoming off-campus cohorts, please contact the Office of Extension and Distance Education: <http://www.ext-dl.appstate.edu>.

Community College Teaching (Non-Licensure) Professional Education Requirements in Programs Outside of Higher Education: In addition to the Teaching concentration in Higher Education, there are other programs that focus on college teaching. Majors available to students are: English, French, History, Mathematics, Spanish, and Technology. For required courses in the academic field, see the appropriate section. It is highly recommended that 6-12 s.h. (5000 level or above) of professional higher education (HE) courses should be chosen with the advice and approval of the graduate advisor. Refer to specific information in the major department or contact the Department of Leadership and Educational Studies.

