Overview

Develop the competencies you need to successfully and ethically lead higher education institutions with a doctoral degree specializing in higher education leadership.

With this higher education leadership Ph.D., you gain skills that can be applied immediately to professional challenges and issues. Coursework:

- Provides a comprehensive doctoral curriculum that develops the competencies needed to successfully and ethically lead higher education institutions
- Develops research knowledge and skills to enable practitioners and administrators to become scholars practitioners who expand the knowledge base related to higher education organizations, practice, and outcomes
- Instills and/or reinforces a commitment to the crucial engagement of diversity
- Explores ways to strengthen a commitment to access, learning, institutional mission, quality, and educational outcomes

With the program’s specific focus on universities and colleges, you become a more accomplished leader with the practical knowledge needed to advance your administrative leadership career in higher education.

- Distance education allows working professionals to obtain a doctorate while remaining employed full time.
- With a cohort structure, the same group of students begins, proceeds through, and completes the program together. This fosters support and allows you to network with others across the country who hold similar positions in higher education institutions.

Delivery
Online and on campus

Credits
60 credits

Tuition
$882 per credit; financial aid is available

Time Frame
Can be completed in 5 years

Degree Awarded
Doctor of Philosophy in Education and Human Resource Studies; transcript reflects the Higher Education Leadership specialization

Offered By
School of Education

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online.colostate.edu/degrees/higher-education-leadership-phd

For the professional working in higher education, short of leaving your job and going back full-time, it’s next to impossible to do a degree, let alone a degree from a university that has the reputation that CSU does in this field. You can still attend class and actively participate pretty much anywhere in the world as long as you can get that internet connection.

Kevin Jacques
Higher Education Leadership graduate

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Curriculum  
C = on campus in Fort Collins, CO

With an emphasis on applied knowledge and a specific focus on universities and colleges, you learn from renowned faculty and experienced higher education administration professionals.

Year One
Orientation to the program and doctoral studies on campus in Fort Collins, CO in the summer semester.

- EDHE 671 – Higher Education Administration (3 cr)
- EDHE 673 – Student Development Theory (3 cr)
- EDRM 702 – Foundations of Educational Research (3 cr)
- EDUC 709 – Leadership Development (3 cr)
- EDUC 710 – Higher Education Finance (3 cr)

Year Two

- EDCL 701 – Higher Education Law (3 cr)
- EDUC 725 – Professionalism in Education and Leadership (3 cr)
- EDUC 675 – Analyzing Education Literature (3 cr)
- EDRM 704 – Qualitative Research (3 cr)
- EDRM 705 – Qualitative Data Analysis (3 cr)

Additional research course, if required:

- EDRM 606 – Principles: Quantitative Data Analysis (3 cr)

Year Three

- EDOD 769 – Theory and Practice of Change (3 cr)
- EDRM 700 – Quantitative Research Methods (3 cr)
- EDRM 666 – Program Evaluation (3 cr)
- EDRM 707 – Quantitative Data Collections Methods/Analysis (3 cr)
- EDUC 714 – Education Policy Analysis (3 cr)

Year Four

- EDCL 750 – Simulated Presidential Cabinet I (3 cr)
- EDRM 792B – Seminar: Proposal Development (3 cr)
- EDRM 799 – Dissertation (3 cr)

You may work on your dissertation in the Fall and Spring as required. Work can continue in Summer and Fall if you are not finished.

Minimum Admission Requirements

- Master’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution
- At least two years of professional work experience in a higher education institution setting or at least two years of professional work experience within an organization that is engaged in work related to higher education
- GRE scores are required for applicants that do not have a final undergraduate GPA and a masters level GPA of at least 3.00. A GRE Preparation course is available face-to-face and online through CSU.

Completion Requirements

- A minimum of 30 credits of higher education administrative curriculum
- A minimum of 30 credits of research
- Comprehensive exams, both written and oral
- Juried publication submission or presentation
- Dissertation

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