

## M.A. in Higher Educ/Student Personnel Description

The M.A. in higher education/student personnel is designed to prepare qualified students for entry-level positions in higher education and/or student personnel. The 36-hour residential MA emphasis in student affairs is primarily intended to serve students enrolled full-time. The 30-hour online emphasis in higher education is designed to be completed part-time by individuals who already hold full-time employment positions. Graduates have found employment as higher education professionals in a variety of areas, including housing, career counseling, international student affairs, financial aid, student activities, Greek life, and development, just to name a few.

### Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30 Course Requirements

The requirements for the M.A. in higher education/student personnel include:

- Edfd 609 - The Cultural Context of Education
- Edrs 605 - Educational Research I
- Edld 660 - History of Higher Education
- Edld 664 - Law in Higher Education
- Edld 665 - Cont. Issues of Higher Education
- Edld 671 - College and the Student

Additional requirements for the emphasis (residential) in Student Affairs include:

- Edhe 656 – Student Services in Higher Education
- Edhe 659 - Finance of Higher Education
- Edhe 667 - Practicum in Student Personnel
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- Six or Nine hours of elective courses dependent upon whether the student enrolls in Edhe 668 (Practicum)

Additional requirements for the emphasis (online) in Higher Education include:

- Edhe 655 - Power, Persuasion, and Politics
- Edhe 658 - Organization and Governance
- Edhe 669 - Human Resources in Higher Ed
- Edhe 702 - Program Planning & Assessment

### Other Academic Requirements

Students must complete a final portfolio as a part of their comprehensive examination.

### Specializations

- [Emphasis - Higher Education \(Online\)](#)
- [Emphasis - Student Affairs](#)

