100% ONLINE

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

M.S. in Higher Education Administration

At Duquesne University, we've spent the last 140 years pursuing academic excellence within our Spiritan tradition of caring. Those decades of experience have gone into carefully crafting the M.S. in Higher Education Administration.

The result is a program unlike any other in the country, combining industry-leading course content and student-focused features, all in a convenient, flexible format. Throughout your course of study, you will learn within a cohort of colleagues from a diverse array of administrative specialty areas. In addition to gaining in-depth content knowledge, you will be matched with a professional mentor, participate in a higher education practicum, and complete a customized capstone project.

All courses are offered completely online in accelerated 8-week sessions. This means that you can graduate in as little as two calendar years, while taking only one course at a time. In addition, our course design will allow you to customize your program of study to align with your professional goals.

NO GRE required for admission

2 Years to complete for fulltime students

3 Starts fall, spring, and summer

“The Higher Education Administration program at Duquesne University has truly given me the cultural, professional, and innovative experience needed to do the work of serving students. Without a doubt, it is a program that cares about the wellbeing and success of its students and alumnus.”

Terrell
Academic Advising
Program Distinctives
Not all programs are created equal. The Duquesne M.S. in Higher Education Administration is designed to stand out, in order to produce standout graduates that are capable of impacting their campus, community, and industry.

Professional mentorship program and capstone experience
During your administrative practicum, you will gain valuable field experience while being mentored by a seasoned professional. Your final capstone project will enable you to explore an area of interest in depth and demonstrate your academic and professional growth.

Broad, holistic, integrated approach to higher ed administration
Each course is designed to prepare you for a unique facet of higher education administration. As a program graduate, you will have the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to contribute effectively as a college administrator, to advance professionally, and to become a leader in your area of expertise.

A cohort model that elevates learning from online to real life
Our program will intentionally connect you with classmates from diverse backgrounds in order to bring unique points of view to class discussions and ensure that learning isn’t confined to assigned reading. Our students routinely report that some of their most significant epiphanies arise from peer discussions and interactions with faculty.

Course format that works with your schedule
Our courses are offered in accelerated 8-week terms, in which you will take a single class at a time. Our students find this course design beneficial since they are able to continue working and gaining valuable professional experience while they earn their graduate degree.

Meet the Program Director

Tara Abbott, PhD
Dr. Abbott earned her doctorate in Higher Education Leadership, Management, and Policy with a Concentration in Education Research, Assessment, and Program Evaluation. She is passionate about leadership education and ensuring that future higher education leaders have the knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy necessary to tackle the challenges of today and tomorrow.

"The MSHEA program elevated my knowledge, confidence, and ability to support students through a well-rounded curriculum. As a student affairs professional, I feel that it is extremely important to be educated about all facets of a university and not just student affairs. This program gave me that and much more, including a tight-knit community of colleagues, fellowship, and professional development opportunities."

-Ashley, Student Affairs / Freshman Development

M.S. in Higher Education Administration Courses
- Leadership in Higher Education
- The College Student Experience
- Managing External Relations in Higher Education
- Legal Issues in Higher Education
- Data-Driven Decision Making in Higher Education
- Financial Management in Higher Education
- Organization and Governance in Higher Education
- Foundations of American Higher Education

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