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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 full-time students
3 Starts fall, spring, and summer

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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.

“The Higher Education Administration program is amazing. Faculty support is tremendous and the online format helps me to maintain a good balance between life and school.”

Brian, Admissions

“I have been happily surprised by the real sense of community that has developed among my classmates and that we are able to connect in different ways, both virtually and in person.”

Melissa, Annual Giving

“The program has helped me develop the knowledge and skills to better support students, while also teaching me how all departments work together for student and university success.”

Ashley, Residence Life

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