

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Higher Education Administration Concentration

Program Description

Our M.Ed. program is designed for students who have an interest in obtaining or advancing in staff and administrative positions at higher education organizations that support student development and success. The 36 hour program prepares students to recognize and tackle the unique and various problems within colleges and universities. Students explore multicultural issues, college student development, higher education law, evaluation and assessment, organizational culture, and P-20 school-university collaboration. Our curriculum connects theory to practice by integrating classroom-based academic learning and field-based experiential learning.

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities for higher education administrators are predicted to grow 23% in Texas and 15% nationally from 2012 to 2022. This program prepares students to meet this growing need for leaders and practitioners to work in community colleges and universities both in and outside the State.

Graduates of this program have a wide range of career opportunities in leadership positions in student activities, academic advising, diversity and inclusion, career planning and placement, admissions, counseling services, judicial affairs, financial aid, international programs, multicultural services, orientation programs, residence life/housing, early intervention programs, and community outreach.

The program expanded my understanding of how education can be used as a tool to improve equitable opportunities in our society. Having the opportunity to build relationships and connect with my professors and peers has given me new perspectives and helped to develop my understanding of diverse and complex issues as a student affairs professional.



- Rosalind Ong De Treviño,
Graduate Student

Why UTSA?

- The ELPS department has a diverse and experienced faculty who are nationally and internationally recognized for their research, service and teaching.
- To accommodate working professionals, courses are offered in the evenings at both the Main and Downtown campuses.
- Our program offers admission in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.
- Faculty care about our students' educational and professional growth. Students are assigned a faculty advisor with whom they can meet to ensure they are successfully matriculating through the program. Through these meetings, faculty members are able to establish personal relationships with their students.
- The program provides a field-based internship to broaden students' knowledge and professional experience with higher education systems.
- Our department partners with offices in and outside of UTSA to connect students with graduate assistantships and other employment opportunities while completing their degree.

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The material in class makes me a better student affairs professional and a better resource to the students I help at work. I get to learn about policies and programs that will affect or change my job. Also, ELPS has greatly contributed to the network I have with professors, classmates, and special guests or speakers. The people are the best part of this program.

-Lara Crouch, Graduate Student

Faculty Research Expertise

- College access and success among diverse and traditionally underserved students
- Broad Access Institutions, including Hispanic Serving and Community Colleges
- P-20 school-university collaborations
- Mentoring
- Student Engagement Theory
- Validation Theory
- Spirituality and Contemplative Education
- Critical Race Studies

Graduate Assistantships

The ELPS department offers graduate assistantships (19hrs per week) that provide students experience assisting faculty with research.

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More information about these positions can be found on the student section of our website. http://education.utsa.edu/educational_leadership_and_policy_studies/

Higher Education Administration Student Association (HEASA)

HEASA is focused on providing opportunities for integrated activities that help foster students' educational, social, and professional advancement.

HEASA seeks to create and support opportunities to discuss higher education issues with state and national higher education scholars, state and local government officials, students, and campus and local community members.

How to Apply

Apply through the UTSA Graduate School at:

<http://www.utsa.edu/graduate/graduate.admissions@utsa.edu>
210-458-4330

San Antonio and UTSA are both very diverse. Obtaining a master's degree from UTSA is a great opportunity to be exposed to new methods and practices at a growing institution with a diverse student body.



-Vincent Perez,
Graduate Student