

**Request for a Change to Coursework only for the Higher Education Specialization  
within the Education Major of the Master of Education**

1. Name of the area of specialization: Higher Education
2. Name of the major: Education
3. Graduate degrees to which it applies: M.Ed.
4. Name of the department/program: School of Education
5. What is the change you are requesting? Shift from creative component to coursework only
6. Other existing areas of specialization for the same major and degree: Counselor Education  
Curriculum and Instructional Technology  
Educational Administration  
Elementary Education  
Historical, Philosophical, and Comparative Studies  
in Education  
Mathematics Licensure  
Special Education  
Student Affairs
7. Are areas of specialization optional? Yes
8. Reasons for proposing the new area of specialization:  
The Masters of Education in Education with a specialization in Higher Education is a practitioner degree designed for students seeking entry-level professional positions at institutions of higher education. These positions are generally not research-oriented faculty positions, but rather teaching-oriented positions at community colleges or administrative positions. This proposed change makes the M.Ed. in Education (Higher Education) curriculum consistent with other professional programs in the School of Education.
9. Requirements for the area of specialization:  
30-credits to include 9 of core content, 6 in research and evaluation, 3 credits each focused on students and teaching, 6 credits of electives, and a 3 credit capstone course. See attached Course Requirements listing.
10. Estimate the number of students who will graduate with this major and degree each year and the number who will graduate with this area of specialization.  
Over the past four fiscal years, the number of students with this major and degree has been approximately 45-50 students per year. We anticipate that approximately 20 students will graduate with the higher education specialization each year.

11. What resources (faculty, courses, research facilities, library facilities, etc.) are available to support the area of specialization?

Because this program currently exists current resources within the School of Education will be sufficient to support this area of specialization.

12. What future financial support will be needed?

We do not anticipate a need for additional financial support beyond what is currently provided.

**M.Ed. in Education; Higher Education Specialization  
Course Requirements**

<b>Research and Evaluation Requirements (6 cr.)</b>	
ResEv 550	Introduction to Educational Research
ResEv 597	Program Assessment and Evaluation
<b>Core Requirements (current core focus is on community colleges; additional areas of core emphasis may be added in the future; 9 cr.)</b>	
Hg Ed 580	Current Topics in Community Colleges
Hg Ed 582	The Comprehensive Community College
Hg Ed 562	Curriculum Development in Colleges
<b>Students Requirement (3 cr., choose 1)</b>	
Hg Ed 576	Student Development in Higher Education
Hg Ed 578	Students in American Higher Education
<b>Teaching Requirements (3 cr., choose 1)</b>	
Hg Ed 561	College Teaching
Hg Ed 580I	Current Topics in Community Colleges: Learning and Teaching
<b>Electives (6 cr.)</b>	
Hg Ed 504	Higher Education in the United States
Hg Ed 561	College Teaching
Hg Ed 573	Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Student Affairs
Hg Ed 574	Student Affairs Practice in Higher Education
Hg Ed 575	Organization and Administration of Student Affairs
Hg Ed 580G	Current Topics in Community Colleges: Faculty and Staff Evaluation
Hg Ed 580H	Current Topics in Community Colleges: Organization and Administration
Hg Ed 580I	Current Topics in Community Colleges: Learning and Teaching
Hg Ed 615C	Seminar in Higher Education: Community Colleges
<b>Capstone (3 cr.)</b>	
Hg Ed 598	Capstone Seminar