Commonly Used Acronyms at GSEHD

CE (Continuous Enrollment): used by students who will not be registering for courses for the current semester, but will be fulfilling a program requirement during that time. Such requirements include comprehensive exams (Masters and Ed.S), deficiency coursework, Praxis exams, approved transfer coursework, and GW courses taken in a prior semester for which an “I” or “IPG” was received.

CNSL Department of Counseling and Human Development

CPED Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy

CR (Continuing Research): all doctoral students who are in dissertation and have completed 24 credits of 8999-Dissertation Research must continue to register in 0940-Continuing Research every fall and spring semester until they successfully defend their dissertation and complete all degree requirements. All Education Specialist students must register for the 0920-Continuing Research course in order to sit for the comp. exam if not otherwise enrolled in coursework.

DEL Department of Educational Leadership

DSC Doctoral Studies Committee: the committee that reviews existing policy and makes recommendations to the faculty for improvements to the doctoral programs at GSEHD.

GSEHD Graduate School of Education and Human Development: pronounced G-Shed

HOL (formerly HRD) Department of Human and Organizational Learning

IRB Institutional Review Board: holds the primary responsibility to protect human subjects involved in research studies conducted by faculty, staff and students, as well as non-institutional sites, domestic or foreign. The jurisdiction of the IRB includes the authority to review, approve, modify or disapprove research projects submitted by investigators. All research conducted at GW must undergo IRB review and approval prior to initiation.

LOA Leave of Absence: is used by students who, for personal reasons, are temporarily unable to continue their program of study.
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**MAC Master’s Appeals Committee**: is a group of representative faculty members of the Master’s degree programs that hear appeals of academic decisions including residency requirements, admissions decisions, grade appeals, and decisions that alter a student’s status. They meet once per month during the academic year (September through May).

**PMAC Post Master’s Appeals Committee**: is a group of representative faculty members of the post-master’s degree programs that hear appeals of academic decisions including residency requirements, admissions decisions, grade appeals, and decisions that alter a student’s status. They meet twice per semester during the academic year (September through May).

**RTF Registration Transaction Form**: is used in very special circumstances if a student wishes to take a course under a different grading mode, add/drop after the deadlines, or for courses that are closed and/or require special permission to enroll. These forms must be approved by the appropriate Student Service staff member (assigned by program level and department).

**SOU Statement of Understanding**: a document that is required to be signed by new students confirming their comprehension of some key policies regarding transfer credits and residency requirements.

**SEDS Department of Special Education and Disability Studies**