

Graduate School of Education & Human Development

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

This document is supplemental program information that may be helpful when considering application to the *Graduate School of Education & Human Development*.

Degree: Ed.D.

Field of Study: Higher Education Administration

Unique Program Features:

HEA leverages its location to foster a community of scholar-practitioners, professional and research opportunities, and commitment to diverse educational experiences all set the program apart from other graduate programs in higher education.

The Program offers flexible weekend and evening classes that are convenient for both part-time and full-time students. Students may complete seated and online coursework in as few as eight semesters with additional time needed for dissertation research.

Graduates of this program have been found employed at:

Graduates are employed as administrators in higher education institutions as deans, senior level administrators, teachers, project directors for governmental agencies, consultants and senior administrators of for-profit organizations. Some specific examples include:

VP of Finance, Operations, and Government Relations
Dean of Students
Director of the Center for Career Development
Education Statistician
Research Analyst

The following curriculum is indicative of our required course of study.

(Full lists of official GSEHD courses can be found in the [GW Bulletin](#).)

The HEA Doctoral degree has two phases: core courses on the foundations of higher education administration and a dissertation development sequence which builds the necessary skills for dissertation research.

Some of the HEA core courses include:

- Leadership for Innovation in Higher Education
- Higher Education Policy
- Foundations of College Student Development
- Administration of Higher Education
- Introduction to and Advanced Courses in Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods and Design

Some of the dissertation development courses include:

- Inquiry in Higher Education
- Critical Literature Review
- Pre-Dissertation Seminar

Core courses are offered one weekend per month, while electives and research methods courses are offered both monthly and weekly. HEA is dedicated to providing flexible class times to allow students to continue working. Part-time students (7 credits per semester) can complete their coursework with weekend-based classes. Full-time students (9 or more credits per semester) take both weekend-based classes and weekday evening classes.

HEA's unique dissertation sequence starts soon after matriculation. The dissertation sequence provides ongoing support and feedback as students are developing their dissertation study proposal.