



Master of Science in

HIGHER EDUCATION

Come Back Stronger, Ready to Take Your Education Career Further

College enrollment is on the rise, and with it comes the need for dedicated educators with the skills and credentials to effectively promote student and institutional success. This is your time — your moment — to meet that rising demand. Whether your interests are in administration, teaching, student services, or other areas, this program enables you to pursue new opportunities or advance your career in postsecondary education. Develop the practical knowledge, critical thinking, research, and writing skills possessed by leaders in today's colleges and universities.



Why Study Education at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the higher education field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Collaborative Learning Community

Enjoy a user-friendly, interactive classroom experience. Our learning platform encourages students and faculty to share and discuss their experiences and best practices so you can connect and integrate what you learn into your current workplace.

Personalized Degree

Tailor this master's degree program to your unique talents and career goals by choosing a concentration in:

- College Administration and Leadership
- Student Affairs
- College Teaching

Expert Faculty

Learn from faculty with the real-world experience in teaching and education to understand what it takes to succeed in this field. All professors possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is backed by Purdue University. One of the most prestigious universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among *Fast Company* magazine's prestigious **World's Most Innovative Companies**.¹



Equip Yourself to Make a Difference Through Education

Develop the tools you need to impact students' lives through the power of learning.

The program prepares you to:

- Apply research methodology in designing and evaluating research studies in higher education.
- Apply theories and principles of organizational behavior, governance, and leadership to operations within the profession of higher education.
- Integrate assessment theory and methods along with institutional mission, values, goals, and objectives to evaluate specific higher education programs.
- Contribute to the profession by making reasoned decisions informed by historical underpinnings and relevant theory in the performance of service and engaging in applied scholarship.
- Assess cultural, individual, and role differences of various constituent and stakeholder groups that constitute the entire higher education community.

Curriculum

The curriculum emphasizes present-day issues in higher education, including how multicultural and diversity issues affect student development, and how technology, public policy, and financing issues affect students' access to college. Courses are reviewed and revised regularly by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field of education.

Courses

- Foundations of Higher Education
- Higher Education Laws and Regulations
- Higher Education Organization and Governance
- Multiculturalism and Diversity in Higher Education
- Higher Education Finance
- Research Methods

Concentrations

Specialize your degree to develop valuable expertise in one of the following areas:

- **College Administration and Leadership:** Study the principles of effective leadership as they relate to the management of academic programs and departments in a variety of postsecondary settings.
- **College Teaching:** Explore foundations of adult learning and the use of technology in higher education settings. Develop expertise in curriculum design and implementation and in the methods and models used to assess learning outcomes.
- **Student Affairs:** Focus on the administration of a comprehensive student services program for both on-ground and online institutions. You will also have the opportunity to complete a 120-hour internship. This concentration addresses specific standards of the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) for graduate programs in student affairs and the standards of the Professional Preparation Commission of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA).

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 50

Program Length: Less than 1.5 years of full-time study

Course Load: 2 courses per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Additional Programs

- Master of Science in Educational Psychology
- Master of Science in Education
- Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology



Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook²

- Employment of postsecondary teachers is projected to grow faster than average from 2022 to 2032.
- Employment of postsecondary education administrators is projected to grow about as fast as average in the same period.
- This demand will be fueled by increasing student enrollment in colleges and universities. As more students seek higher education to gain the additional education and skills to meet their career goals, more postsecondary administrators and teachers will be needed to serve them.

Career Pathways and Outcomes³

Roles

- Positions in institutional research, assessment, or staff development
- Staff or supervisory roles in admissions, advising, student life, or student services
- Education administrator
- Student affairs administrator
- College instructor⁴

Settings

- Colleges
- Universities
- Community colleges
- Technical and vocational centers
- Online or onsite educational environments

The Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Specialists connects you with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Student Organizations and Honor Societies

- Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society
- Educators Association



Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

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For comprehensive consumer information, visit info.purdueglobal.edu.

¹ Source: <https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list>. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

² Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Postsecondary Teachers and Postsecondary Education Administrators. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

³ Purdue Global does not guarantee employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment.

⁴ College teaching requirements vary by institution and program. This program was not designed to meet any state-specific requirements for licensure or certification. Refer to licensure.purdueglobal.edu for state-specific licensure information.