

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

## BUILD A REWARDING CAREER IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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

# WHY STUDY EDUCATION AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL?

## ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Complete the program 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services. The student affairs concentration includes an onsite internship, which may be completed at a regionally accredited college or university of your choice.

## COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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.

## CUSTOMIZABLE 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

## FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from faculty with extensive experience in teaching and education. All professors possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

## ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and faculty office hours. You will also have access to the Graduate Resource Center and no-cost tutoring. Academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

## NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.<sup>1</sup>

# 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 for Education and Instructional Technology

## 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:** 1 course per term

**Terms:** 6 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Every 6 to 7 weeks

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

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



"The University really taught me how to teach online. They also taught me how to put together a learning program for adults. I was familiar with teaching children, but the University gave me the tools to successfully reach this different audience."

**Phillip Collazo**

MS in Higher Education Graduate<sup>2</sup>

# CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

## INDUSTRY OUTLOOK<sup>3</sup>

- Employment of postsecondary teachers is projected to grow much faster than average from 2016 to 2026.
- Employment of postsecondary education administrators is projected to grow faster than 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 OUTCOMES<sup>4</sup>

### 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 instructor<sup>5</sup>

### Settings

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

## CAREER SERVICES

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 Society



## Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at [HLCcommission.org](http://HLCcommission.org) or call 800-621-7440.

## Military Friendly

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



This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **[www.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://www.PurdueGlobal.edu)**.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

1 Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states](http://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states). Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

2 This testimonial was obtained by Kaplan University. Purdue University acquired Kaplan University in March 2018 and created Purdue University Global, which is following the same curriculum format and instructional delivery methods as developed and used by Kaplan University. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.

3 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.

4 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement.

5 College teaching requirements vary by institution and program. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.