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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Graduate Faculty:

Dilley, Patrick, Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of Southern California, 2000; 2000. History of higher education, gender studies, and qualitative research.

Donahoo, Saran, Associate Professor and Program Director, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2004; 2004. Higher education administration and educational administration.

Jones, Sosanya E., Assistant Professor, Ed.D., Teachers College, Columbia University, 2013; 2013. Higher education, qualitative research, and race and diversity.

Spees, Emil R., Associate Professor, Emeritus, Ph.D., Clarendon Graduate School, 1969; 1969.

Graduate Study in Higher Education

The Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education provides graduate study leading to the Master of Science in Education degree in higher education.

The graduate program in higher education offers students an opportunity to study and explore the concept of higher education as a field of study. The faculty of this program encourages and assists students in developing a lifetime commitment to the study of higher education. They also provide preservice and in-service preparation for persons who are teaching or serving as administrators or who expect to teach or serve as administrators in two-year and four-year colleges and universities, and related post-secondary educational institutions and agencies.

This program requires a nonrefundable $50.00 application fee that must be submitted with the application for Admissions to Graduate Study in Higher Education. Applicants must pay this fee by credit card.

Master of Science in Education Degree

The Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education offers a program in higher education leading to the Master of Science in Education degree. The emphasis of this degree is to provide individuals with the background and skills important to accepting a wide range of teaching and administrative positions in higher education. Concentrations in community college teaching and college student personnel are offered.

Students applying for admission are encouraged to have some leadership experience prior to starting graduate study. Students who expect to complete a program to prepare them for teaching in a community college are expected to have an undergraduate major in a subject area commonly taught in a community college.

Community College Teaching (32 semester hours, minimum). Students who wish to teach in a community college must complete at least 20 semester hours in their teaching specialty and at least 12 hours in specified courses in educational administration and higher education, for a minimum of at least 32 semester hours. Students in this program must secure prior to admission a subject matter adviser from the faculty of the subject area who will agree to help plan the student’s academic program.

The common core of courses required of students in this program includes the following:

- EAHE 516-3 College Students and College Cultures
- EAHE 518-3 College Teaching
- EAHE 524-3 Curriculum Design and Policy
- EAHE 526-3 The Community College

Students must also complete a minimum of 20 semester hours in their teaching specialty. Recommended courses beyond the minimum requirements are as follows, and must be taken unless waived by the program coordinator:

- EAHE 500-3 Educational Research Methods
- EAHE 598-2 to 6 Internship or
- EAHE 599-3 Thesis/Individual Research 593

College Student Personnel (42 semester hours). This program is designed to prepare new professionals to work as student affairs administrators and educators within institutions of higher education. Students must complete a minimum of 42 semester hours of courses designed to prepare them as higher education generalists. Through internships, elective, and professional development seminars, students individualize their programs to acquire specialized emphasis in various student affairs units, including admission and recruitment, student development, student activities and programming, alumni relations, career planning, financial aid, orientation, placement, and residence life. Individuals interested in a specialized emphasis in counseling may apply to complete a double major in both higher education and education psychology.

College Student Personnel Common Core (12 hours):

- EAHE 510-3 Higher Education in the United States
- EAHE 513-3 Org. and Administration in Higher Education
- EAHE 515-3 Students Affairs Administration
- EAHE 516-3 College Students and College Cultures

Educational Research (3 hours)

As selected with advisor.

Cognate (12-18 hours): Students will work with advisor to construct a cognate, which is compatible with their academic and professional interests. Possible cognates include, but are not limited to: Administration, Cultural Contexts, and Student Affairs.

Professional Development (3 to 9 hours)

- EAHE 591-1 to 6 Individual Study
- EAHE 598-3 to 6 Higher Education Internship

Capstone (3 hours)

- EAHE 547-3 Evaluating Educational Research
- EAHE 593L-3 Research Paper
- EAHE 599-3 Thesis

Electives (3 to 6 hours)

As selected with advisor.

Waiver for Internship Requirement. Each student must complete or obtain a waiver for the required internship in addition...
to any paid assistantship that the student may secure. Internships must be in a setting different from the student’s assistantship or professional work environment. Internship opportunities exist through most areas of Student Affairs on the SIU Carbondale campus; other locations or settings might be eligible; each student must obtain approval from his/her advisor before initiating any internship. Student with non-assistantship based, professional experience in higher education may seek a waiver of the internship requirement. All waivers must be in writing and require advisor approval. Students permitted to waive the internship requirement must complete an additional three units of independent study to satisfy the credit requirements needed to obtain the degree.

Research Requirements. Community College Teaching master’s students shall demonstrate research competencies through writing an acceptable research paper or master’s thesis (which involves original research); College Student Personnel concentration students also have an option, in lieu of a research paper or thesis, to complete EAHE 547 (Evaluating Educational Research). Students who select the thesis option must have an approved prospectus on file at least six months in advance of the anticipated graduation date; they must enroll for 3 hours of EAHE 599, Thesis; and they must have a committee of at least three faculty members. Students who elect to write a research paper must have a committee of two faculty members, and they must enroll in 3 hours of EAHE 593-L, Research Paper. Students who chose the thesis or research paper option are required to complete successfully a final examination, which usually consists of a presentation and defense of the research paper or thesis; this exam may be written, oral, or both.

Courses (EAHE)
For a list of courses, see Educational Administration.