

M. Ed. In Higher Education Graduate Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Kassie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about GVSU's Master of Education in Higher Education program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Master of Education in Higher Education program will prepare you to become a practitioner-educator in college and university settings through flexible course offerings. The program has two emphasis areas: adult and higher education and college student affairs leadership or CSAL.

While some students in this program seek advancement in their current careers, those who are not employed full-time are placed for employment at high rates upon graduation.

Standard GVSU admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Additional requirements specific to Master of Education in Higher Education program include one letter of recommendation and a personal essay addressing your interest in pursuing graduate education within higher education and student affairs.

More details as well as the online application can be found on the Higher Education program website, www.gvsu.edu/grad/highered.

The great news about GVSU's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Karyn Rabourn, at rabournk@gvsu.edu.

The Master of Education in Higher Education graduate program has two emphasis areas: adult and higher education and college student affairs leadership. The adult and higher education emphasis is a 36-credit hour program and can be completed in two years as a full-time student or three years as a part-time student. The majority of AHE students are currently working full time in higher education and student affairs functional areas or in related fields and attend courses part-time. The college student affairs leadership emphasis is a 42-credit hour cohort-based program completed in two years - these students often hold half-time graduate assistantships (20 hours) and all are enrolled as full-time students. Please see more information about the College Student Affairs Emphasis on the CSAL webpage, www.gvsu.edu/csali. For both tracks, 6 credit hours will cover educational foundation courses. An additional 30-36 credit hours will be dedicated to emphasis area

coursework, practicum experiences, electives, and culminating experiences. For a complete listing of all courses please visit www.gvsu.edu/grad/highered.

The Master of Education in Higher Education at GVSU is one of the few programs of its kind in West Michigan, drawing students currently employed at local colleges and universities and preparing higher education practitioners from across the nation. Required and elective courses are taught in both Allendale and Grand Rapids, and are offered in traditional, hybrid, and online formats. In addition to the courses taught by the program's dynamic full-time faculty, highly qualified adjunct professors who are current higher education administrators teach courses drawing on their daily experiences in their current roles. The program also emphasizes student involvement in co-curricular activities such as research with faculty members, writing workshops, a graduate student association, and professional development experiences.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Education in Higher Education graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Laila McCloud, at mcclolai@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.