

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT AFFAIRS

M.ED. FACT SHEET

HESA Mission

The M.Ed. in Higher Education Student Affairs (HESA) has a strong focus on developing practitioner-scholars by integrating academic coursework and theoretical constructs with supervised professional experience. Our goal is to prepare learners to be competent student development specialists in all areas of university life and to cultivate practitioners who are committed to the growth and development of all students. In order to do this, we are dedicated to facilitating learning environments where students engage in acute dialogue, critically analyze scholarly content, and further develop their own identity.

The HESA program core values and guiding principles are the same as those stated in the University's mission statement.

HESA Vision

To provide students with comprehensive knowledge and experiences with which to pursue professional employment within an institution of higher education and/or a doctoral degree in Higher Education/Student Affairs.

Our Students

Most applicants have a traditional undergraduate background with leadership experience in co-curricular activities and organizations. Our nontraditional students tend to hold full-time positions at both two- and four-year institutions.

Admission Requirements

- Applicants for the HESA program must have an average G.P.A. of B or higher, as defined by the department in upper-level undergraduate courses in the major.
- Three recommendations from former instructors and/or supervisors who are in a position to judge the applicant's aptitude for graduate study.
- A recent resume or CV
- A statement/essay of interest
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is NOT required for applicants with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Curriculum

The program leading to the M.Ed. in Higher Education Student Affairs requires 39 semester hours (33 core, 6 elective) of graduate study. Courses incorporate content that is appropriate for working in student services in a variety of two and four-year higher education settings. To view the listing of courses, visit hesa.wcu.edu.

Deadlines

The deadline for admittance into the HESA program is July 1. To be considered for funding (scholarships and graduate assistantships), a completed application must be received by March 1.

Transfer Credit

Upon approval of program advisor, up to six (6) semester hours of graduate credit with a grade of B or higher may be transferred from other regionally accredited graduate schools. There are limitations that apply. For further details, contact program advisor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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