

ONLINE TEACHING & PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION CONCENTRATION, MS

Master of Science in Higher Education Administration

The concentration in Online Teaching and Program Administration is designed for students seeking to gain expertise in online teaching and exposure to issues of higher education management and leadership. It helps the graduate to position themselves in their organizations as knowledgeable of trends and best practices in online teaching, curriculum development, designing and teaching online courses and building online communities. Students will gain an understanding of online educational pedagogy, course design and delivery, educational technologies, higher education management, and leadership.

Students in the Online Teaching and Program Administration concentration gain expertise in best practices for teaching in and managing online programs, and graduates are able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of principles, philosophies and pedagogy of online learning.
2. Evaluate learning theories and their use in online education, and analyze the effectiveness of various models of online education.
3. Develop well-designed online course modules that incorporate best practices in online teaching and foster active learning communities.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the administration of colleges and universities in modern-day America, including the roles and functions of the major administrative units and the interests of key stakeholders.
5. Identify and analyze current issues and trends facing higher education.
6. Communicate clearly and effectively using the professional standards of the field.
7. Apply critical thinking and analytical methods to management problems in higher education.

Degree requirements for the Online Teaching & Program Administration concentration are as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
MHE 500	Foundations of Higher Education Administration	3
MHE 505	Organization and Decision-Making in Higher Education	3
MHE 610	Curriculum Design	3
MHE 622	Foundations of Online Learning	3
MHE 628	Designing and Teaching Online Courses	3
MHE 632	Building Online Learning Communities	3
MHE Electives ¹		6
Graduate-Level Electives ²		6
Total Credits Required:		30

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To fulfill the MHE Electives requirement, students choose from a set of approved MHE courses with help from their academic advisor.

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Students can select from a wide number of approved graduate electives across multiple online graduate programs with help from their academic advisor.