## Higher Education Department Student Experience

### Curricular

**MA (50 cr hrs)**
- **Curricular elements**
  - Broad focus on equity and opportunity
  - Capstone portfolio
  - One elective per quarter
  - Service-learning and praxis projects throughout
- **Optional emphasis areas**
  - College Student Affairs
  - Diversity and Higher Learning
  - Public Policy and Organizational Change
- **Role of advisor:** General support from entire HED Faculty; strategic support and guidance on coursework planning from Clinical Faculty.

**EdD (65 cr hrs)**
- **Curricular elements**
  - 1/3 Research methods
  - 1/3 Prescribed core
  - 1/3 Electives and HED seminars
- **Comprehensive exam**
- **Doctoral Research Project**
  - Program Evaluation or Policy Analysis
- **Role of advisor:** General involvement in coursework planning; individualized support offered through comprehensive exam and doctoral research project.

**PhD (90 cr hrs)**
- **Curricular elements**
  - 1/3 Research methods
  - 1/3 Minimalist core
  - (3) required courses and (3) HED seminars
  - 1/3 Electives & cognate
- **Comprehensive exam**
- **Dissertation**
- **Role of advisor:** Apprenticeship model which provides extensive support with coursework planning, comprehensive exam, dissertation, and also in the generation of research opportunities.

### Practical

**MA (50 cr hrs)**
- **Required internship (2 cr hrs)**
- **Possibility of assistantship positions, separate from internship credits, in the following areas:**
  - Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence
  - Higher Education Department
  - Other Administrative Offices

**EdD (65 cr hrs)**
- **Optional internships, teaching, and research opportunities**
- **Designed as a part-time program for professionals working full-time. Provides an advanced intellectual grounding in higher education balanced with individualized program design.**

### CoCurricular

**Example Community Partnerships**
- American Indian College Fund
- Campus Compact of the Mountain West
- Colorado Mountain College
- Community College of Aurora
- Denver Scholarship Foundation
- Education Commission of the States

**Higher Education Student Association (HESA)**
- Professional Development Programs
- Student Networking Events
- College-wide communication and collaborations

**Higher Education Department**
- Community Events
  - Orientation
  - Welcome Event
  - Town Hall
  - End of Year Celebration
- Praxis Events
  - Lunch & Learn series
  - Leadership Speaker Series
  - HED Praxis Day
- Recruitment Events
  - Students of Color Event
  - Admitted Students Interview Day
  - NASPA Grad Fair

**Professional Associations**
- ASHE
- ACPA
- ACUHO-I
- AERA
- NACAC
- AIR
- NASPA
- NODA
- ICQI