



Online
M.Ed. IN HIGHER EDUCATION
ACADEMIC ADVISING TRACK

33 Credit Hours

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HIED 611: Foundations of Higher Education

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HIED 613: Introduction to Student Services

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HIED 641: Trends, Issues, and Problems in Higher Education

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Academic Advising Courses:

HIED 658: Retention and College Student Success

This course emphasizes the continuing nature of enrollment management once students enroll as freshmen. Topics and competencies will provide a solid understanding of the importance of student retention as it relates to overall college student success.

HIED 662 Vocation and Career Formation

This course examines the concepts of vocation, faith, identity, and context particularly as it pertains to careers in higher education. The student will explore a theology of vocation along with practices that help identify and sustain one's sense of calling to their work. In addition, we will examine the historical use and view of vocation within the Christian tradition and its implications for life, faith, and work today. Finally, the student will be equipped to help college students explore their own vocational identity and formation.

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HIED 665 Foundations of Academic Advising

Examines the foundations of academic advising as an essential component of student success and retention in higher education. Topics include developmental advising, research on academic advising, models and delivery systems, skills for effective advising, assessment and evaluation of advisors and advising programs.



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Conflict Resolution Concentration Courses:

CONR 602: Dynamics of Interpersonal Conflict

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CONR 606: Theory 1

This course introduces students to various communication and social/political theories as means to explain, predict, and ultimately resolve conflict between individuals and groups. The course makes extensive use of television and film to illustrate theoretical analyses of interpersonal and group communication and conflict.

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Curriculum:

CONR 603: Negotiation - Principles & Practice

Negotiation is a comprehensive study of the conceptual and interpersonal skills required to engage in effective negotiation. Topics include analyzing the negotiation context, preparing a negotiation plan, conducting negotiation sessions, resolving impasses, and documenting agreements. The course entails an emphasis on development, analytical, and interpersonal negotiation skills.



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Student Affairs Leadership Courses:

HIED 635: Higher Education Resource Management

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HIED 672: Leadership in Higher Education

An introduction to leadership theory and practice in a higher education context. Includes the consideration of a formational approach to college student leadership. A special focus will be placed on individual leadership capacity building and ways in which a Christian perspective influences leadership practice.

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