PREPARING FUTURE HIGHER EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

ELON UNIVERSITY
Master of Arts in Higher Education
A LEADER IN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Elon’s Master of Arts in Higher Education (MHE) program immerses you in hands-on, student-centered learning with a global perspective.

LEARN AND PRACTICE:

> Principles of effective education
> Strategic leadership
> Ethical decision making
> Social justice advocacy

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

- Cohort-based study abroad experience designed by students
- Funding in support of professional development plans
- Emphasis on high-impact practices
- High degree of campus engagement and interaction with senior administrators
- Monthly colloquia on higher education hot topics and trends

I knew I wanted a cohort-based program that focused on social justice, experiential education, and provided direct opportunities to learn from campus leaders. No program I looked at had a better structure to achieve that than Elon.”

Tobin Finizio ’20
APPRENTICESHIP: International Student and Scholar Services
SMALL COHORT: Benefit from participation in a small, collaborative learning community in a diverse cohort of 12 students.

PAID APPRENTICESHIPS: Gain firsthand knowledge in a two-year paid apprenticeship in a university department. Engage with higher education professionals who will support your personal career goals and professional development.

INSTRUCTION AND MENTORING: Learn from higher education scholars and university leaders with faculty rank who bring a wealth of knowledge to the classroom. MHE faculty guide students in making connections between course content, out of class experiences and emerging developments in higher education.

STUDY ABROAD OR STUDY USA: Participate in a global experience during Winter Term in your second year and take courses on how to design and administer a global engagement program. Global engagement expenses are covered by the MHE program.

INTERNSHIPS: Complete two internships in university-approved positions to gain experience in various higher education settings. Participate in the one credit-hour seminar that accompanies each internship.

“Professors are available to meet outside of class and are very approachable. While some may think that having campus administrators as professors may limit their availability, I would say they are even more invested in our development and provide guidance with class assignments, apprenticeship work and outside professional development.”

Cameron Shirley ’20
APPRENTICESHIP: President’s Office
PREPARE FOR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM:
With a common curriculum emphasizing a theory-to-practice model of learning, be prepared to build strong connections between course content and out-of-class experiences. The MHE program is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to be effective higher education professionals.

HIGH-IMPACT PRACTICES:
Learn the theory and applications of the eight high-impact educational practices that result in student success.

CAREER READINESS:
Prepare to work in a variety of higher education administrative roles. The program sponsors workshops on the higher education job search process, including writing effective cover letters and resumes, interviewing and salary negotiation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
Develop and implement a personalized professional development plan. MHE students receive funding to support their participation in regional and national professional development events.

Elon is the only university recognized for excellence in all eight academic programs that “Focus on Student Success.”

– U.S. News & World Report “Best Colleges” guide

I am able to make direct connections between the work that I am doing in my apprenticeship and the ideas and concepts I am learning in class. My apprenticeship supervisor also creates opportunities for me to understand concepts and apply them to the work I am doing with my students.”

Timothy Hussey ‘20
APPRENTICESHIP: Residence Life
### GRADUATE COURSES  (*all courses required*)

**FALL SEMESTER:** First year

- **MHE 621:** Transition to Adulthood in the Context of College and Culture  
  - Credit Hours: 3
- **MHE 611:** Foundations of Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 3
- **MHE 631:** Research Methods and Statistics for Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 3
- **MHE 671:** Colloquium: Hot Topics, Trends and Best Practices in Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 0

**WINTER TERM** (January): First year

- **MHE 645:** Student Engagement and High-Impact Practices  
  - Credit Hours: 2

**SPRING SEMESTER:** First year

- **MHE 652:** Helping, Advising and Professional Development Coaching College Students  
  - Credit Hours: 3
- **MHE 662:** Budgets and Finances in Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 2
- **MHE 682:** Enrollment Management  
  - Credit Hours: 1
- **MHE 692:** Program Evaluation, Assessment and Decision Making in Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 3
- **MHE 671:** Colloquium: Hot Topics, Trends and Best Practices in Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 0

**FALL SEMESTER:** Second year

- **MHE 711:** Administration and Governance in Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 2
- **MHE 721:** Law and Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 1
- **MHE 731:** Diversity and Social Justice  
  - Credit Hours: 3
- **MHE 741:** Theory and Practice of Global Education  
  - Credit Hours: 1
- **MHE 671:** Colloquium: Hot Topics, Trends and Best Practices in Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 0
- **MHE 797:** Internship I  
  - Credit Hours: 1
  
  *(MHE 797 Internship I may be completed in the summer between the first and second year or the fall of the second year)*

**WINTER TERM** (January): Second year

- **MHE 745:** Experiential Learning in Global Education  
  - Credit Hours: 1
  
  *(Includes Study Abroad or Study USA experience)*

**SPRING SEMESTER:** Second year

- **MHE 798:** Internship II (may be completed in fall of second year)  
  - Credit Hours: 1
- **MHE 782:** Organizational Leadership, Development and Change in Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 3
- **MHE 799:** Capstone  
  - Credit Hours: 3
- **MHE 671:** Colloquium: Hot Topics, Trends and Best Practices in Higher Education  
  - Credit Hours: 0

**Total M.A. in Higher Education Credit Hours:** 36

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MHE students are fully engaged in the life of campus. Students participate in the development and implementation of major campus programs.

MHE graduates leave the program as visionary professionals prepared to advance student learning and improve institutions of higher education.
Applications completed after the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship consideration is given to applicants who apply to the program early.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
First week of JANUARY

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About Elon

Elon has built a national reputation as a premier student-centered arts and sciences university that values strong relationships between students and their faculty and staff mentors. Elon’s more than 7,000 students prepare to become the resilient, ambitious and ethical leaders the world needs, putting their knowledge into action on campus, in the community and around the globe. Elon is ranked as a top-100 National University in the annual U.S. News & World Report “Best Colleges” guide. Elon is #84 among the nation’s most prestigious comprehensive universities, with a #2 ranking for excellence in undergraduate teaching and #11 most innovative national university. Elon is the only university recognized for excellence in all eight academic programs that “Focus on Student Success,” ranking #1 in study abroad and learning communities and #2 in first-year experiences and service learning.