FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Graduate Programs

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Department Educational Leadership & Research Methodology

College College of Education

Program Name	☐ **New Program***	**Effective Date** *(TERM & YEAR)*
M.Ed. Higher Education Leadership concentration, Educational Leadership & Research Methodology	☑ **Change Program***	Spring 2026

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

Please see the attachment with the requested edits/changes to the FAU Catalog

re: M.Ed. Higher Education Leadership concentration in the Educational Leadership and Research Methodology Department.
The Higher Education Leadership program is updating out-of-date language, correcting errors of courses that are required but not in the catalog, etc.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

Faculty Contact/Email/Phone	**Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation**
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Approved by	***Date***
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College Curriculum Chair	8/29/25
College Dean	9/3/2025
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Email this form and attachments to UGPC@fau.edu 10 days before the UGPC meeting.

Outline of catalog edit/changes to Higher Education Leadership Concentration (EDLRM) M.Ed. (1/15/2025)

These requested edits/changes correct errors and clarify curricular expectations. Required research prerequisites are included which is important to financial aid purposes. **Add "s" to all foundations.**

1)Under **"Leadership Foundation"** section

-Change the heading "Leadership Foundation" to **"Leadership Foundations"** (adding the "s")

2) Under **"Research and Technology Foundation"** section (clarify course prerequisites are required in degree)

-Change the heading "Research and Technology Foundation" to **"Research Foundations"** (deleting Technology).

-Add STA 6113 Educational Statistics as a prerequisite to EDF 6481 Educational Research (necessary for financial aid clarity)

3) Under **"Experiential Component"** section

-Add EDH 6931 Special Topics in Higher Education (necessary for financial aid clarity)
-Add EDH 7932 Doctoral Special Topics in Higher Education (by permission) (necessary for financial aid clarity)

FAU Catalog Jan. 15, 2025 Changes/Edits Notes
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Higher Education Leaders Concentration

The Higher Education Leadership concentration is designed for individuals who want to prepare for entry-level and mid-level leadership ~~and management~~ positions in colleges and universities. The program prepares learners for leadership positions in community colleges, state colleges, universities, agencies, and proprietary colleges and universities. ~~This concentration is available in person or fully online~~.

Degree Requirements	***36 credits***	
Leadership Foundations	***9 credits***	
Leadership 1: Adult Learning and Assessment	ADE 6381	3 **or**
Student Development Theory	EDH 6040	3
Leadership 2: Theories and Assessment	EDS 6100	3
Leadership 3: Administrative Processes	EDA 6103	3
Research ~~and Technology~~ Foundations	***6 credits***	
Educational Research (prerequisite or corequisite: STA 6113)	EDF 6481	3
Educational Statistics	STA 6113	3
Professional Knowledge	***18 credits***	
Introduction to Higher Education	EDH 6051	3
History and Philosophy of Higher Education	EDH 6065	3
Organization and Administration of Higher Education	EDH 6635	3
Select three courses	***9 credits***	
Student Development Theory	EDH 6040	3
Student Affairs Leadership	EDH 6045	3
International Comparative Higher Education	EDH 6058	3
Community College Curriculum	EDH 6215	3
Improvement of Instruction in Colleges	EDH 6305	3
Contemporary Issues in Student Affairs	EDH 6367	3
Special Topics in Higher Education	EDH 6931	3
Internship/Exchange	EDH 6941	3
Experiential Component	***3 credits***	
Select one course		
Directed Independent Study	EDA 6905	1-3
Directed Independent Study	EDA 7905	1-3
Field Project I	EDA 7943	3
Field Project 2	EDA 7944	3
Internship/Exchange	EDH 6941	3
Special Topics in Higher Education	EDH 6931	3
Doctoral Special Topics in Higher Education (by permission)	EDH 7932	3

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Degree Requirements	***Minimum of 84 credits***	
Leadership Foundation	***15 credits***	
Leadership 1: Adult Learning and Assessment	ADE 6381	3 **or**
~~Student Development~~ Student Development Theory	EDH 6040	3
Leadership 2: Theories and Assessment	EDS 6100	3
Leadership 3: Administrative Processes	EDA 6103	3 **or**
Special Topics in Higher Education	EDH 6931	3 **or**
Doctoral Special Topics in Higher Education	EDH 7932	3
Leadership 5: Reframing Educational Organizations	EDA 7106	3
Leadership 6: ~~Seminar in~~ Executive Leadership	EDA ~~7931~~7190	3
Research Foundation	***18 credits***	
Educational Statistics	STA 6113	3
~~Introducton~~ Introduction to Qualitative Inquiry	EDA 6415	3
Advanced Qualitative Inquiry (prerequisite: EDA 6415)	EDA 7416	3
Advanced Statistics (prerequisite STA 6113)	STA 7114	3
Advanced Research (Literature Review)	EDA 7912	3
Advanced Educational Research	EDF 7482	3
Professional Knowledge	***24 credits***	
History and Philosophy of Higher Education	EDH 6065	3
Organization and Administration of Higher Education	EDH 6635	3
Legal Issues in Higher Education	EDH 7405	3
Higher Education Business and Finance	EDH 7505	3
Higher Education Doctoral Seminar	EDH 7935	3
Select three courses (9 credits) from the following.		
Advanced Qualitative Inquiry	EDA 7416	3
Student Development Theory	EDH 6040	3
Student Affairs Leadership	EDH 6045	3
International Comparative Higher Education	EDH 6058	3
Community College Curriculum	EDH 6215	3
Improvement of Instruction in Colleges	EDH 6305	3
Contemporary Issues in Student Affairs	EDH 6367	3
Social Justice in Higher Education	EDH 6085	3
Special Topics in Higher Education	EDH 6931	3
Doctoral Special Topics in Higher Education	EDH 7932	3
Experiential Component	***12 credits***	
Directed Independent Study	EDA 6905	1-3
Directed Independent Study	EDA 7905	1-3

Field Project 1	EDA 7943	3
Field Project 2	EDA 7944	3
Internship	EDA 7940	3
Special Topics in Higher Education	EDH 6931	3
Doctoral Special Topics in Higher Education	EDH 7932	3
Dissertation (up to 9 credits of dissertation seminars)	***15 credits***	
Dissertation Seminar 1, 2, 3	EDH 7932	3-9
Dissertation *(registration over multiple terms)*	EDA 7980	1-15