

## **Graduate Programs in the Community Colleges Field With Doctoral Level Study**

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This directory provides a list of campuses that offer doctoral programs in the field of community colleges. It includes programs that offer leadership training to community college administrators, as well as research-focused, degree-granting programs for scholars in the field. Some institutions included have specific programs or departments related to community colleges (i.e. Community College Leadership) while others offer courses about community colleges as part of broader programs (i.e. Higher Education, Educational Leadership). University departments or programs with at least one faculty member who routinely conducts research on community colleges are included in the directory.

### **Arizona State University**

College of Education  
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies  
Higher and Postsecondary Education

*Program Emphasis:* Study of community college is an integral part of the programs in Higher and Postsecondary Education. The faculty includes current and former community college professionals. Many students have a background in community colleges and community colleges are a frequent subjects for dissertations and research.

*Degrees Offered:* M.Ed., Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community-Junior College

### **Colorado State University**

College of Applied Human Sciences  
School of Education  
Community College Leadership Program

*Program Emphasis:* The Leadership Program is designed for current and future professionals interested in further training in instruction or administrative leadership in community colleges. Program is organized around student cohorts. Entering students must have a Master's degree.

*Degrees Offered:* Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College; Community College Finance; Seminars in Community Colleges

### **East Tennessee State University**

College of Education  
Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis  
Postsecondary and Private Sector Leadership

*Program Emphasis:* The postsecondary program offers training to community college professionals. Many students come from local community colleges. Faculty members are affiliated with various two- and four-year public and private institutions. Some program offerings are available to cohorts on local community college campuses.

*Degrees Offered:* Ed.D.

*Related Courses:* Community Colleges in the United States; Supervising Community College Curriculum Planning; Administration of Higher Education; Higher Education Law and Finance; The Adult Learner

### **Florida State University**

College of Education  
Educational Leadership Department

### Higher Education Program

*Program Emphasis:* The Higher Education Program offers a variety of degrees and emphases in higher education. The Program offers further training for community college professionals, and students may focus research on community colleges. The Louis W. Bender Scholarship is available to experienced community college professionals who wish to seek a doctoral degree in the Higher Education Program.

*Degrees Offered:* M.S., Ed.D., Ph.D., College Teaching Certificate

*Related Courses:* The American Community College: History and Development; College Teaching

### George Mason University

#### College of Arts and Sciences

#### Community College Education Program

*Program Emphasis:* The Community College Education program prepares students to be leaders in undergraduate education. In addition to gaining expertise in a selected disciplinary or interdisciplinary knowledge area, graduates of the program are proficient in core areas related to undergraduate education: scholarly activity related to teaching and learning; effective integration of technology in the teaching and learning process; pedagogy appropriate to the discipline; and program and curriculum design, development, and assessment.

*Degrees Offered:* Doctor of Arts in Community College Education, Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies/Community College Education, and the College Teaching Certificate

*Related Courses:* The Community College, Teaching with Technology, College Teaching, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Curriculum Design and Development, Diversity in the College Classroom

### Illinois State University

#### College of Education

#### Department of Educational Administration and Foundations

#### Higher Education Administration

*Program Emphasis:* The Higher Education Administration program offers a variety of emphases and research opportunities in higher education. Students may focus upon or involve community colleges in their research.

*Degrees Offered:* Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* Organization and Administration of Community Colleges

### Iowa State University

#### College of Education

#### Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

#### Higher Education Program

*Program Emphasis:* The Higher Education Program offers various research opportunities in higher education for Doctoral students. A Master's degree with an emphasis in community colleges is offered. Master's students may concentrate in community college administration, teaching and leadership, or student services.

*Degrees Offered:* M.S., M.Ed., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Comprehensive Community College; Current Topics in Community Colleges

## **Michigan State University**

College of Education  
Department of Educational Administration  
Higher, Adult, Lifelong Education

*Program Emphasis:* Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education offers a wide variety of research opportunities in higher education. Students may pursue community college topics in their research. A Master's degree in adult and continuing education is also offered.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College

## **Morgan State University**

School of Education and Urban Studies  
Community College Leadership Doctoral Program

*Program Emphasis:* The Community College Leadership Doctoral Program is designed to prepare working professionals for senior level leadership roles within the community college setting. The intense program of study leading to a Doctor of Education Degree focuses on training professionals for the unique situations encountered by community college leaders. The curriculum is designed to combine theory with practice. It consists of 63 credits and all classes are offered on the weekend. The delivery system allows students to complete the program in three (3) years.

*Degrees Offered:* Ed.D.

*Related Courses:*

The American Community College  
Leadership and Administration in Community Colleges  
Professional Development Seminar for Careers in Community Colleges: Year One  
The Law of Higher Education in Community Colleges  
Community College Finance & Budgeting  
Community College Planning & Management  
The Learning College  
Student Development in Community Colleges  
Technology in Contemporary Community Colleges  
Contemporary Issues in Community Colleges  
The Politics of Higher Education in Community Colleges  
Professional Development Seminar for Careers in Community Colleges: Year 2  
The Community College Presidency  
Community College Trustees & Governing Boards  
Clinical Studies / Community College Internships  
Introduction to Community College Research  
Qualitative Research for Community College Leaders  
Statistical Applications for Community College Researchers  
Advanced Methodology & Research Design in Community College Research

## **New York University**

School of Education  
Higher Education Program  
Center for Urban Community College Leadership  
239 Greene St., Suite 300  
New York, NY 10003-6674  
<http://www.nyu.edu/education/alt/center/>

*Program Emphasis:* The Center focuses on training skilled academic leaders to succeed in the urban community college environment. The Center targets senior-level and mid-level administrators for further training and leadership. Significant field work and internship opportunities are offered to students.

*Degrees Offered:* Ed.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College; Management of Administrative Services in the Community College

### **North Carolina State University**

College of Education

Dept. of Adult and Community College Education

*Program Emphasis:* The Department provides a broad range of graduate programs for education professionals interested in positions of leadership in higher education, including community colleges, technical colleges, four-year colleges, universities, and adult education, as well as research and teaching positions in colleges and universities. Program specializations include Student Affairs, Community College Teaching, Higher Education Administration, and Higher Education Research. The community college emphasis is upon teaching in the community college (Master's degree), administration in community colleges (Master's and Doctorate degrees), and teaching and research positions in universities (Doctorate degree).

*Degrees Offered:* M.S., M.Ed., Ed.D. (Ph.D. under development)

*Related Courses:* Qualitative Research in Adult and Community College Education, The Adult Learner, Research Methods and Analysis, Instructional Strategies, Organizational Concepts, and Foundations of Student Affairs

### **Northern Arizona University**

College of Education

Department of Educational Leadership

*Program Emphasis:* The Educational Leadership Program offers a Master's degree with an emphasis in community colleges for faculty members and college leaders interested in further education. A Doctoral program is offered with an emphasis in Community College/Higher Education leadership and administration.

*Degrees Offered:* M.Ed., Ed.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College

### **Oklahoma State University**

College of Education

School of Education Studies

Educational Leadership

*Program Emphasis:* The Educational Leadership program offers Doctorate and Master's degrees in higher education leadership. A variety of research opportunities are available and students may focus research on community colleges. Doctorate and Master's degrees also offered in Occupational Education Studies.

*Degrees Offered:* M.S., Ed.S., Ed.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community Junior College

### **Old Dominion University**

Community College Leadership Program

Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling

*Program Emphasis:* Some of the unique community college leadership issues that are addressed in this program are: the diversity of the student body, the role of the community college in the higher education system of Virginia, the role and expectations of the communities hosting the community college, and the importance of the workforce preparation the community colleges provide for the local community.

*Degrees Offered:* Ph.D., Community College Leadership

*Related Courses:* Community College Leadership, Community College Finance, Community College Curriculum and Program Development, The Modern Community College, Trends and Issues in Workforce and Economic Development, Instructional Technology in Education and Training

### **Oregon State University**

School of Education

Western Center for Community College Development

*Program Emphasis:* The Doctoral program in Community College Leadership is designed to prepare experienced professionals and is organized as a statewide cohort program. Master's degrees are offered in community college teaching and adult education.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., M.Ed., Ed.D.

*Related Courses:* The American Community College; Community College Curriculum; Community College Administration

### **Pennsylvania State University**

College of Education

Department of Education Policy Studies

Higher Education Program

The Higher Education Program at Penn State has as its primary goal the preparation of individuals who are capable of analyzing and managing the crucial problems in postsecondary education. Students may incorporate or focus upon community college topics in their research. Community college topics integrated into several courses.

*Degrees Offered:* M.Ed., Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community Junior College and Technical Institute

### **Portland State University**

Graduate School of Education

Postsecondary, Adult and Continuing Education (PACE) Program

*Program Emphasis:* The PACE program is an area of specialization in both the Master's and Ed.D. programs in the Graduate School of Education. Students may take course concentrations in community college topics and focus research on community colleges. Many students in the program are community college professionals. The program offers courses in The Community College, Contemporary Issues in Postsecondary Education, Adult Development, as well as courses having to do with teaching and learning, student services and administration.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., M.S., Ed.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College; Contemporary Issues in Postsecondary Education; Adult Development

### **Southern Illinois University**

College of Education

Educational Administration and Higher Education

*Program Emphasis:* The Department offers Master's programs in community college teaching and college student personnel. A Doctoral program is offered in educational leadership with an emphasis on postsecondary education.

*Degrees Offered:* M.S.Ed., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College

### **Texas A&M University, Commerce**

College of Education

Department of Secondary and Higher Education

Center for Community College Education

*Program Emphasis:* The Department offers Master's degrees in Higher Education Administration and in College Teaching, as well as the Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education. These degrees are designed to prepare people for careers as faculty and administrators in community colleges and senior institutions. The Center for Community College Education is a unit sponsored by the Department and the University. It provides services for local community colleges, engages in research projects with member colleges, and shares concerns of common interest with community college faculty and administrators.

*Degrees Offered:* M.S., Ed.D.

*Related Courses:* The American Community College; Community College Curriculum; Fundamental Theories in Community College Instructional Leadership; Seminar in Instructional Leadership; Analysis of Teaching in Higher Education; Effective Teaching and Learning in Higher Education; Higher Education and the Law; Finance and Governance in Higher Education; Administration in Higher Education.

### **Texas Tech University**

College of Education

Educational Psychology and Leadership

Higher Education Program

*Program Emphasis:* The Higher Education Program offers Master's and Doctorate degrees in higher education. Students may focus their research and coursework on community college topics.

*Degrees Offered:* M.Ed., Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community Junior College; Community College Curriculum; Community College Leadership

### **University of Arizona**

College of Education

Center for the Study of Higher Education

*Program Emphasis:* The Center offers Master's programs in higher education and community college teaching. A variety of research opportunities in higher education are available, including a Doctoral program with a concentration in community colleges.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College

### **University of California, Berkeley**

College of Education

Policy, Organization, Measurement, and Evaluation

*Program Emphasis:* The POME program offers a variety of research opportunities in higher education. Students may focus research efforts on community college topics.

*Degrees Offered:* Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Role of Community Colleges in Higher Education

### **University of California, Los Angeles**

Graduate School of Education and Information Studies

Education

Higher Education and Organizational Change

*Program Emphasis:* The HEOC Division offers a variety of research opportunities in higher education. Students may focus research activities on community colleges and community college topics are integrated into various courses.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* Community College Seminar; Research Apprenticeship Course in Community Colleges

### **University of Florida**

College of Education

Department of Educational Leadership, Policy and Foundations

Institute of Higher Education

*Program Emphasis:* The Institute prepares graduates for careers in teaching and administration in community colleges, four-year institutions, vocational-technical schools, and government agencies. The programs include coursework on community college topics.

*Degrees Offered:* Ed.S., Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College in America

### **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

College of Education

Department of Educational/Community College Leadership

Department of Educational Organization and Leadership

*Program Emphasis:* The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign offers the Community College Executive Leadership (CCEL) program, which is a weekend cohort program for working professionals throughout the state of Illinois. The program emphasizes theory, research, and practice pertinent to contemporary community college leadership, and graduates of this program assume positions of leadership from the presidency to the dean. Students interested in full-time Ph.D. studies on campus at UIUC can also enroll in the Higher Education program in the Department of EOL, with a specialization in CCL. In addition to programs having an administrative focus, students interested in professional development opportunities for community college faculty can enroll in the Community College Teaching and Learning (CCTL) Online program, offered by the Human Resource Education Department. Instituted as a non-degree program, CCTL offers the master's degree for students who complete all courses required for the degree, or a certificate for those completing one-half of the full program or four units (16 graduate hours).

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., M.S., M.Ed., Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College; The Community College Student; Community College Leadership Seminar; Outcomes Assessment in Higher Education; and Diversity in Higher Education.

### **University of Iowa**

College of Education  
Division of Planning, Policy and Leadership Studies  
Higher Education; Iowa Community College Licensure

*Program Emphasis:* The Higher Education program offers a variety of research opportunities. Students may focus their coursework and research on community college topics. The Iowa community college Licensure program offers both instructor and administrator licenses.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., Ed.S., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College; Community College Teaching Internship

### **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

School of Education  
Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education

*Program Emphasis:* The Center offers a variety of research opportunities in higher education. A Doctoral program focusing on community college governance and leadership and a Master's program in community college administration are offered.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College; Community College Governance and Leadership

### **University of Missouri-Columbia**

College of Education  
Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis

*Program Emphasis:* The Department offers a Master's and a Doctoral program in higher and continuing education, as well as programs in educational leadership.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College; *Distance Offerings:* [EL455 The Community College](#)

### **University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

School of Education  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

*Program Emphasis:* The higher education program prepares extraordinary leaders for administrative, academic, and research positions in community colleges and four-year institutions of higher learning.

*Degrees Offered:* M.Ed., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College, Supervised Practicum in Higher Education, Internship in Higher Education (Applied Research in the Community College), College Teaching and Adult Learning

## University of Oklahoma

College of Education

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Adult and Higher Education

*Program Emphasis:* Degree programs are offered in Adult and Continuing Education, Distance Education, Training and Development, Higher Education Administration, Institutional Research, Student Personnel Services, Intercollegiate Sports Administration, and Community Colleges.

*Degrees Offered:* M.Ed., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The American Community/Junior College

## University of Oregon

College of Education

Educational Leadership

*Program Emphasis:* The Educational Leadership Program offers a Master of Science degree with specializations in Learning Assessment and System Performance, Policy Management and Organization, and Higher Education. The Educational Leadership Program also offers Doctorate degrees (D.Ed. and Ph.D.) with specializations in Learning Assessment and System Performance and Policy Management and Organization. Students may focus their research on community colleges.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., D.Ed., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* Administration of the Community College; Programs in the Community College

## University of South Florida

College of Education

Department of Leadership Development

*Program Emphasis:* The intent of the Ed.D. degree in College Leadership at the University of South Florida is to develop the competencies of educational practitioners in two- and four-year colleges and to obtain and synthesize knowledge for the solution of educational problems and practices. The Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration prepares individuals interested in teaching and research positions in community colleges and four-year colleges and universities. In addition, individuals who intend to pursue state and national policy positions are enrolled in both the Ed.D. and the Ph.D. programs, depending upon their areas of interest.

Higher education courses are offered on the main USF-Tampa campus or at off-campus sites in Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater. All classes are held in the evenings or on Saturdays, year round. A few selected support courses in the doctoral program (such as statistics) are typically scheduled on the Tampa campus during weekday evenings (not Saturdays).

*Programs and Degrees Offered:* Ph.D. in Higher Education/Community College Administration; Ph.D. in College Teaching; Ed.D. in College Leadership; M.A. in Junior College Teaching; Graduate Certificate in College Teaching (18 semester hours)

*Related Courses:*

Community College in America

Seminar in College Teaching

The College Student

Organization and Administration of Higher Education

Organizational Theories and Practice in Higher Education

Governing Colleges and Universities

Ethics in Professional Practice in Higher Education  
 Curriculum Development in Higher Education  
 Analysis of Curriculum  
 Foundations of Vocational Education  
 Legal and Policies Dimensions of Higher Education  
 Higher Education Finance  
 Higher Education Capstone Seminar  
 Leadership in Higher Education

### **University of Southern California**

Community College Leadership

*Program Emphasis:* USC's program is designed for the busy professional interested in either administration or instruction at the community college level. Courses are offered in the evenings (4:15 PM or 7:00 PM start times) or on weekends. USC also offers the program at the Orange County campus in Irvine.

*Degrees Offered:* Ed.D. in Educational Leadership; Certificate in Community College Leadership

### **University of Texas, Austin**

College of Education  
 Department of Educational Administration  
 Community College Leadership Program

*Program Emphasis:* The Community College Leadership Program is designed to enhance and develop those competencies, skills, proficiencies, and attributes that are required to effectively lead a successful community college. The program is organized around a core curriculum, featuring a semester-long paid internship, along with student research. CCLP is a collaborative learning community, featuring immersion learning experiences.

*Degrees Offered:* Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* Community College Internship

### **University of Virginia**

Center for the Study of Higher Education  
 Curry School of Education  
 Department of Leadership, Foundations and Policy

*Program Emphasis:* The Center provides college, university, and adult education leaders with the opportunity to explore practices in higher education and analyze current issues and programs. Students may focus research on community college topics.

*Degrees Offered:* Ed.D., Ph.D.

*Related Courses:* The Community College

### **Virginia Tech**

College of Human Resources & Education  
 Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, -- Higher Education and Student Affairs

*Program Emphasis:* The Higher Education program prepares beginning and mid-level professionals for advanced practice in the field of student affairs and higher education administration. Students come from both two- and four-year institutions.

*Degrees Offered:* M.A., Ph.D.