

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

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The Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (ELPS) advances the quality and effectiveness of education institutions and individuals engaged in education. World-class faculty and students are dedicated to enhancing the intellectual, cultural, social, and ethical potential of others for the benefit of Iowa, the nation, and the world.

ELPS provides graduate degree and career preparation programs, coursework, and other learning opportunities for students and professionals. Faculty and students conduct and disseminate research for the advancement of educational theory and practice at all levels of education.

Graduate Programs

- **Master of Science (M.S.) programs in Education with specific emphases in:**
 - Higher Education Student Affairs, Community College Leadership, Leadership and Learning, and Research and Evaluation
- **Master of Education (M.Ed.) programs in Education with specific emphases in:**
 - Higher Education Student Affairs, Community College Leadership, Leadership and Learning, and Education Administration
- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programs in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies with specific emphases in:**
 - Educational Administration, Higher Education Administration, and Community College Leadership
- **Concentrations and licensure programs include:**
 - Social Justice concentration in the Higher Education Administration (Ph.D.) program
 - Superintendent licensure: Certificate in Advanced Studies (CAS) program
 - Preparation for Leadership (PreLEAD) program for K-12 education administrators seeking principle licensure
 - Applied Research Methods in the Human Sciences Certificate

Making a Difference Points of PRIDE

- Acclaimed faculty who have published more than 25 textbooks used in higher education programs throughout the nation, and served on numerous editorial boards of top scholarly publications.
- Distinguished faculty have served as presidents of the nation's most highly regarded organizations, including the American College Personnel Association, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Association for the Study of Higher Education, Association of Psychological Type, Association for Career and Technical Education Research, and the Association of College and University Housing Officers - International.
- Nationally recognized faculty have received grants from the National Science Foundation, the Association of Institutional Research, the American Psychological Foundation, the Iowa Department of Education, the Lumina Foundation, and the Institute of Education Sciences.
- Student Affairs and Student Counseling Personnel programs ranked among the top 25 public university programs in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*.
- Placed nearly 200 of our Ph.D. graduates as faculty and student affairs administrators throughout the nation.
- Nearly 100% placement rate of our master's graduates in student affairs administrative positions.
- A community college leadership program cited as one of the nation's most innovative by the American Association of Community Colleges.
- Strong cohort of graduates from our Community College Leadership Program who have become presidents, vice presidents and deans in the nation's community colleges.
- Research Institute for Studies in Education (RISE) dedicated to conducting research, evaluation and policy analysis.
- The nation's first social justice concentration in a higher education program.
- Conducting some of the nation's leading research on the participation of women and underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields of study.