

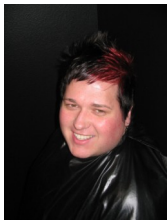
Alumni Reflect...

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies **Iowa State University**



The ELPS Master's program has prepared me professionally in many ways. I left ISU feeling I had 'real' experience under my belt through my graduate assistantship and practicum opportunities. I also believe 2 semesters of Student Development theory has made me more confident when helping students be successful. I learned how different the college experience can be for individuals from underrepresented groups, and what I can do as a professional to help serve all students. I truly appreciate this learning experience.
-Susana Hernandez, M.Ed. '09

My experience in the ELPS Department at Iowa State was honestly one like none other! As a master's student, I gained an abundant amount of knowledge on topics related to college students and higher education, and I was given ample opportunities to engage in many practical experiences, including teaching. I am especially thankful for the outstanding faculty and staff at Iowa State that are experts in areas that interest me, like social justice education, campus environments, and student development. I have no regrets about my experience in ELPS; ISU will always be my Cyclone Home!
-Reggie Blockett, M. Ed. '09



The Educational Leadership and Policy Studies program at Iowa State University truly is a first-class blend of theory and practice that has and will continue to further my career and educational aspirations for years to come.
-John Faughn, M. Ed. '06

Going through graduate school, you question whether the classes will be applicable to your day to day practitioner experiences. Since completing the program, I have utilized a lot of the theoretical concepts, experiential learning activities, and small scale research projects through my multi-faceted role as a hall director & leadership coordinator. It is my belief that the best Higher Ed prep programs require a prescribed curriculum and required assistantship because this model emphasizes the often overlooked but very important connection of theory to practice. At ISU, I made connections on campus through my assistantship, research projects, and off campus through my summer internship and Honda Campus All Star Challenge experience. These connections continue to provide professional development opportunities that have opened up a lot of doors in my life as a new professional.
-Annice Fisher, M.Ed. '06



The ELPS program at Iowa State gave me the skills and theoretical framework that I needed to succeed. Being able to take classes and work at an assistantship site gave me the practical skills necessary for working in student affairs. I really feel confident going into my first year as a new hall director and am very glad that I chose the ELPS program at Iowa State University!
-Nick Landmesser, M. Ed. '09