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Graduate College



Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration

**100% Accelerated Online
Complete in 10 months
30 credit hours**

The Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration program within the Department of Organization and School Leadership at UTRGV will prepare those who aspire to leadership positions in key college or university administrative areas with the required knowledge, skills, and competencies that higher education administrators need to enter such positions. The preparation of students focuses on the comprehensive and social justice-oriented preparation of leaders for entry and advancement in higher education, student affairs, and school-to-university transition. The program will integrate classroom-based and field-based learning. Program graduates can be employed in various post-secondary institutions, including community and technical colleges, research universities, liberal arts colleges, and minority-serving colleges and universities.

WHY UTRGV:

- Ranked #8 for Top 25 Colleges for Your Money by Forbes.com
- Among Texas schools, UTRGV ranked third for value among Texas schools, significantly higher than several of our peer institutions
- U.S. News & World Report ranked first in Texas and second nationally for least student debt among public universities
- Ranked in the top one-third among 390+ national universities by the Washington Monthly 2021
- UTRGV ranked fourth nationally by Top Schools that Provide the Most Economic Mobility for its Students
- Accredited, cutting edge degree program
- Experienced, dedicated faculty
- Demonstrated student success in research, professional certification (over 99% pass rate) and career advancement

Submit a UTRGV Graduate Application at utrgv.edu/gradapply

The MA in Higher Education Administration comprises 30 credit hours of required coursework, including an approved practicum course that will expose students to the field and its various specializations. The program prepares students for a professional career in a broad range of higher education settings. Program graduates can assume positions or promotions in administrative areas like Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and Advising, Recruitment and Outreach, Admissions and Financial Aid, Housing and Residential Life, Career Services, Student Retention, and Success Programs, as well as Institutional Research, Policy, and Planning.

As one of the nation's leading Hispanic Serving Institutions, UTRGV is an ideal learning environment for professionals who want to prepare to lead in an academic atmosphere that's becoming significantly diverse:

- Thrive in the diverse, fast-paced, and often uncertain contexts unique to colleges and universities
- Master leadership qualities grounded in theory and effective practice
- Positively influence student adjustment to college, academic performance, and ultimately, completion of a degree
- Realign campus support services to student needs through meaningful strategic planning and policy analysis
- Graduate in 10 months
- 100% Online
- No GRE Requirement

Admission Criteria:

To be admitted to the graduate program, prospective candidates must first meet all requirements for graduate admission to UT Rio Grande Valley, as well as the other requirements listed below:

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or a recognized international equivalent in a similar or related field.
2. Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 in the last 60 semester credit hours for clear admission.
3. Official transcripts from each institution attended (must be submitted directly to UTRGV from the awarding institution).
4. Statement detailing professional goals, campus leadership experience, and reasons for pursuing a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration.
5. Resume including educational background and work experience.

How to apply:

Step #1: Submit a UTRGV Graduate Application at utrgv.edu/gradapply. There is no application fee.

Step #2: Request your official transcripts to be sent electronically to gradapps@utrgv.edu or mailed to:

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
The Graduate College
Marialice Shary Shivers Bldg. 1.158
1201 W. University Drive
Edinburg, TX 78539-2999

***Please Note:** If you are a graduate of UTPA, UTB, or UTRGV you do not need to request an official transcript to be sent to the Graduate College.

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