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**New Emphasis, Concentration, Option, or Minor Proposal Form**

**[ ] Undergraduate Curriculum Council**

**[X] Graduate Council**

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1. **Contact Person (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)**

Dr. Kimberley Davis; kimberleydavis@astate.edu; 870-972-3607

1. **Proposed Starting Date**

**Summer 2022**

1. **Title of degree program:**

Doctor of Education , Educational Leadership

1. **Proposed name of new option/concentration/emphasis/minor:**

Higher Education Leadership Emphasis

1. **Reason for proposed action that includes rationale, goals, and student population served:**

The current Ed.D. program has an emphasis in P12 leadership and we currently have a small but growing enrollment of students already working in higher education and wanting to further their education to senior management positions, or are K12 teachers or administrators wanting to move to a career emphasis in higher education. The majority of the full-time faculty in the EdD program have K12 experience with little senior management experience in higher education as Presidents, Vice Presidents, associate vice presidents, or deans. The majority of the current adjunct faculty also are from K12 and cannot speak to the issues and concerns of aspiring senior leadership. Higher Education ranks 4th in potential demand among Doctoral Education programs in Arkansas. Employment for Higher Education (community college and 4 institutions) occupations in the region is projected to grow 11.05% from 2019 to 2028.

1. **Provide the following:**
   1. Curriculum outline - List of courses in new option/concentration/emphasis/minor – Underline required courses

HIED 8343 Higher Education Finance (3 units)

HIED 8203 Higher Education Assessment & Accreditation (3 units)

HIED 8333 Implementing Organizational Change in Higher Education (3 units)

HIED 8253 Higher Education Policy & Law (3 units)

HIED 8213 Teaching in Higher Education (3 units)

HIED 8313 Higher Education Leadership (3 units)

Electives

ELFN 6773 Introduction to Statistics and Research (3 units) (If not taken within the last two years with a grade of B or higher)

6000 level courses as electives (6 units)

Additional electives already in 2021-2022 Graduate Bulletin:

**ELAD 8421. Designing Surveys (remove prerequisite course “ELAD 8411. Succeeding in the PhD Program” that is not taught).**

* 1. Total semester credit hours required for option/emphasis/concentration/minor

12 as noted above in “a” by underlined text

* 1. Student demand (projected enrollment) for program option

Academic Partnerships conducts marketing and recruitment for the current EdD have identified this concentration the first to be implemented. There will be approximately 30 students per cohort for 3 intakes a year.

1. **Will the new option/emphasis/concentration/minor be offered?**
   1. **Traditional/Face-to-face** No
   2. **Distance/Online** Yes
      1. **If yes, indicate mode of distance delivery, and the percentage of courses offered via this modality (<50%, 50-99%, or 100%).**

The current EdD program is operated on 100% asynchronous modality.

* + 1. **If online, will it be offered through Global Initiatives/Academic Partnerships (AP)?**

The higher education concentration will be offered under the current arrangement with Academic Partnerships.

1. **Specify the amount of the additional costs required, the source of funds, and how funds will be used.**
2. Higher Ed Faculty full-time position to teach in the program starting Summer 2022.

The position will be funded by AOS.

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions** |
| **Please visit** [**http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot**](http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot) **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Please include a before (with changed areas highlighted) and after of all affected sections.**  **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.** |

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Page 85 of the 21-22 Bulletin**Program of Study for the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership Degree**

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| **Current course requirements** | |  | **Proposed changes** |  |  |
| See 2021-22 Graduate Bulletin p. 89 | |  |  |  |  |
| **Core Courses:** | | **Sem. Hrs.** |  | **Sem. Hrs.** |  |
| ELAD 8043, Adv. Organizational Theory and Inquiry | | 3 | No change | 3 |  |
| ELAD 8203, Politics of Education | | 3 | HIED 8203 Higher Education Assessment & Accreditation (3 units) | 3 |  |
| ELAD 8253, Education Policy and the Law | | 3 | HIED 8253 Higher Education Policy & Law (3 units) | 3 |  |
| ELAD 8313, Doc Sem: Educational Leadership Practices I | | 3 | Or substitute HIED 8313 Higher Education Leadership (3 units) | 3 |  |
| ELAD 8333, Organizational Development in Education | | 3 | HIED 8333 Implementing Organizational Change in Higher Education (3 units) | 3 |  |
| ELAD 8343, Comparative Education | | 3 | HIED 8343 Higher Ed Finance (3 units) | 3 |  |
| ELAD 8501, Dissertation I: Prospectus | | 1 | No Change | 1 |  |
| ELAD 8511, Dissertation II: Chapter One | | 1 | No Change | 1 |  |
| ELAD 8521, Dissertation III: Chapter Two | | 1 | No Change | 1 |  |
| ELAD 8531, Dissertation IV: Chapter Two Approval | | 1 | No Change | 1 |  |
| ELAD 8532, Dissertation V: Chapter Three | | 2 | No Change | 2 |  |
| ELAD 8613, Dissertation VI: Chapter Four Data Collection | | 3 | No Change | 3 |  |
| ELAD 8623, Dissertation VII, Chapter Four Data Analysis | | 3 | No Change | 3 |  |
| ELAD 8633, Dissertation VIII: Chapter Five | | 3 | No Change | 3 |  |
| ELCI 8213, Doc Sem: Curriculum and Instruction | | 3 | Or substitute HIED 8213 Teaching in Higher Education (3 units) | 3 |  |
| ELFN 7773, Advanced Education Research | | 3 | No Change | 3 |  |
| ELFN 7783, Advanced Education Statistics | | 3 | No Change | 3 |  |
| ELFN 8763, Doc Sem: Socio Cultural Issues of Education | | 3 | No Change | 3 |  |
| ELFN 8773, Doc Sem: Educational Research and Evaluation | | 3 | No Change | 3 |  |
| ELFN 8783, Qualitative Research and Evaluation | | 3 | No Change | 3 |  |
|  | |  | ELFN 6773. Introduction to Statistics and Research if not taken within last 2 years with B or higher or electives | **3** |  |
| **Sub-total** | | **51** |  | **54** |  |
| **Master’s Degree (any field)** | | **Sem. Hrs.** |  |  |  |
| **Sub-total** | | **30** |  | **30** |  |
| **Doctoral Subcore:**  Required if students possess only a Master’s degree | | **9** | **Doctoral Electives** | **6** |  |
| **9** |  | **Eliminate concept of Doctoral subcore for Higher Ed track** | | **0** |
| **Total Required Hours:** | | **90** |  | **90** |  |