

Higher Education Master's Portfolio

Louisiana State University

Description

Students pursuing the Master's degree in the LSU Higher Education Program have the option to develop a professional portfolio to fulfill the comprehensive exam requirement. The portfolio, when completed, will be used by higher education faculty members and students to evaluate students' overall learning outcomes within the program.

Portfolio Items

1. Professional Biography
 - a. In 1-2 paragraphs describe your educational background, professional working experience, leadership positions, professional affiliations, and significant awards.
2. Current CV or Resume
 - a. The CV or resume should be professionally prepared and include education experiences, working experiences, career objective, qualifications, honors and awards, etc.
3. Course Synthesis
 - a. This reflective writing documents students' growth and development throughout coursework, internships, independent studies, etc. Consider the impact your learning experiences have had on your career and professional development goals. Using course readings, write about the topics that seem most relevant to these experiences and how new knowledge of your field of study has resulted. Your critical reflection should synthesize the understanding(s) you have gained and describe a transition from theory to practice. Length should be 2-3 pages. Please support your position with references to the literature and appropriate citations in APA format.
4. Program Artifacts
 - a. Each student should attach at least three (3) artifacts that support statements made in their Course Synthesis and Philosophy Statement. Examples of artifacts include: original works, projects, final papers, and presentations that were completed during their study in the higher education master program. It is highly recommended that students keep records of their original work in the duration of their study in a secured location such as flash drive, Dropbox, etc.
5. Higher Education Philosophy Statement
 - a. This is an opportunity for you to define what it means to be a higher education (or student affairs) professional. You will describe your beliefs and values that shape your approach to your career. Students should clearly outline 3-4 tenets of their philosophy. The philosophy should be 1-2 pages.

Portfolio Format

Each student will create an online portfolio website that contains the five required items. The website should be well organized and professional. Students can choose from a variety of free website platforms (e.g. Weebly, Wordpress, Wix, Google Sites, etc.) to build their portfolio. Each of the five items for the portfolio should be clearly labeled.