

Board Meeting
March 14, 2019

ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF EDUCATION IN URBAN HIGHER EDUCATION,
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

Action: Establish the Master of Education in Urban Higher Education, College of Education and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate, College of Education, and the Graduate College recommends the establishment of the Master of Education in Urban Higher Education.

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Urban Higher Education focuses on leadership of urban higher education institutions and explores issues within the academy related to, and informed by, the urban context, including issues related to students, faculty, access, and opportunity. The degree's urban focus gives it a unique perspective in comparison with leading programs throughout the country. Graduates will be prepared to secure college and university leadership positions that span the organization, whether in academic affairs, student affairs, research, or administrative operations. Further, since the degree will tie practice to theory, graduates will also be prepared to enter doctoral programs in higher education.

The degree requires 36 hours, including five required courses (20 hours)

and elective courses through which students will choose an area of emphasis in either Leadership, Governance, Organization and Policy, or Institutional Research for Decision Making. A required seminar will serve as a culminating experience that will help students bring together their coursework, professional experience, and internship opportunities. The college anticipates 25 entering students each year, and students may complete the degree full- or part-time.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.