ENDORSEMENT AREA: NCAA COMPLIANCE AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORTING (Non-Teaching)

Program Description

The Master of Science in Secondary Education with a Concentration in NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting (APR) – Non Teaching prepares students with the necessary tools to become leaders in NCAA compliance and athletic administration. Also, this degree program provides instruction that enables students to acquire and develop practical skills in NCAA compliance and academic programing to ensure collegiate athletic programs are complying with the requirements of the NCAA and requires students to learn, develop and engage in best practices for effective APR reporting to accelerate academic success and retention of the student-athlete population.

The objectives of The Master of Science in Secondary Education with a Concentration in NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting (APR) – Non Teaching are as follows:

- To provide graduates with scholarly instruction, methodology, and technology for further advancement and success in NCAA compliance and APR reporting, higher education, and/or in related fields.
- To require graduates to execute research and/or write critical-subjective-thinking projects respecting NCAA compliance and APR reporting and provide forums in which their individual findings and perspectives can be orally discussed.
- To promote vehemently the intellectual and collaborative engagement in NCAA compliance, APR research, and service so that graduates can contribute in addressing, examining, ameliorating, and resolving the challenges faced by NCAA member institutions.
- To develop and improve graduates’ career related abilities in NCAA compliance and academic services.
- To present graduates with the most contemporary, reliable, valid, and advanced events, issues, trends, and challenges confronting NCAA Division one institutions.

Admission Requirements

- Transcript reflective of bachelor’s or an equivalent from an accredited college or university.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate courses earned or a minimum cumulative GPA or 2.65 on all upper undergraduate courses earned.
- The total of the combined scores on the verbal and quantitative components of the GRE.
- A minimum score of 3 or above on the analytical writing component of the GRE.
- Two letters of recommendation (at least one letter must be from academic personnel).

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PE 556 Current Trends in Academic Progress Rate (APR) | 3 hrs.

Electives (6 hours) | Credits
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PE 540* Independent Research | 3 hrs.
PE 541 Sociology of Sports | 3 hrs.
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TOTAL | 33 hrs.

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**PE 540 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH**  
(3 Credits)  
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CERTIFICATION PROGRAM: NCAA COMPLIANCE AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORTING

Program Description

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting (APR) is a post-baccalaureate fifteen hours online certificate program designed to provide a knowledge base regarding NCAA compliance and APR reporting for professionals in intercollegiate athletics and those seeking a career change.

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