

## **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  
In 1-2 paragraphs describe your educational background, professional working experience, leadership positions, professional affiliations, and significant awards.
2. Current CV or Resume  
The CV or resume should be professionally prepared and include education experiences, working experiences, career objective, qualifications, honors and awards, etc.
3. Course Synthesis  
This analytical essay documents a student's learning and professional growth over the course of their graduate program. The essay should discuss at least three major themes and issues most relevant to contemporary higher education and administrative practice. Your critical reflection should synthesize the understanding(s) you have gained and describe a transition from theory to practice. Length should be 4-5 pages. Please support your position with references to the literature and appropriate citations in APA format.
4. Program Artifacts  
Each student should attach at least three (3) artifacts that support their statement in personal reflection. 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, Drop Box, etc.
5. Higher Education Philosophy Statement  
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 such as WordPress, Weebly, Wix, or Google to build their portfolio. Each of the five items should be clearly labeled.