FAQs for FHU's Ed.D Program

1. **What is the difference between an Ed.S. and an Ed.D.?**
    a. The Ed.S. is an Education Specialist degree. It is a post-master's degree attractive for those working in educational leadership. Typically this degree is valued within P-12 settings, but we have adapted the degree and created the bridge to Ed.D. so that those interested in instructional leadership as a school administrator or teacher leader may also find this to be an attractive option. The Ed.S. is a 36-credit program with an action research project capstone.
    b. The Ed.D. is a Doctor of Education degree. This degree is particularly attractive to those who wish to work in P-12 administration, P-12 central office administration, or at the state level as an instructional leader. This is a 54-credit program (36 credits from the Ed.S. at FHU will transfer into the doctorate) with a dissertation capstone project.
2. **What is the application deadline?**
    a. Applications for the fall of 2014 are due by March 14, 2014.
    b. Applications received after this date may be considered.
3. **Is financial aid available?**
    a. You may be eligible for financial aid.
    b. Students need to be enrolled in at least six credits per semester to receive aid.
    c. To learn more about financial assistance, please visit http://www.fhu.edu/academics/graduate/programs/education/index.aspx and follow the link for "Financial Information."
4. **How long does it take the average student to complete the degree?**
    a. It will take approximately 3 years to complete the entire 54-hour program.
    b. Once a student is admitted to candidacy (after 36 hours post-master's) the final 18 hours of coursework will take approximately one year.
5. **Where will I attend class?**
    a. Courses are planned for Henderson and Memphis.
    b. Coursework will also include online learning.
6. **When will I start the program?**
    a. The core classes will start in August 2014 and are offered on Saturdays, weeknights, and online.
    b. There will be two mandatory orientation seminars during the summer for those starting classes in Fall 2014. The first seminar will be May 31, and the second seminar will be mid-July.
7. **Will the doctoral program lead to any licensure?**
    a. The doctoral program does not include licensure in the regular curriculum.
    b. However, students may add the required licensure courses and internship to their program, which includes an additional 15-24 credit

hours (pending transcript analysis and successfully meeting the prerequisites for licensure).

8. **I already have hours beyond my Master's degree. Can I apply those hours toward the degree?**
    a. **Did you earn those hours at FHU or at another university?**
        i. [If at FHU] Up to 36 credit hours of approved coursework earned at FHU beyond the master's level may be applied to the Ed.D. requirements.
        ii. [If at another university] Up to 9 hours of approved coursework may be transferred to the Ed.D. program from another university.
9. **How do I apply?**
    a. **If you have a Master's degree (from FHU or any other university):**
        i. Enroll in our Ed.S. program and begin taking courses that can apply to the Ed.D. Once you have the 36 hours of appropriate coursework, you can apply to candidacy for the doctorate degree. Students who achieve candidacy are allowed to take the final 18 hours for the Ed.D.
        ii. To get started go to http://www.fhu.edu/academics/graduate/programs/education/index.aspx and complete the online application.
    b. **If you have a Specialist degree (Ed.S.) from another university:**
        i. You may be able to transfer up to 9 hours into our program. For the additional hours, you need to enroll in our Ed.S. program and begin taking courses that can apply to the Ed.D. Once you have the 36 hours of appropriate coursework you can apply to candidacy for the doctorate degree. Students who achieve candidacy are allowed to take the final 18 hours for the Ed.D.
        ii. To get started go to http://www.fhu.edu/academics/graduate/programs/education/index.aspx and complete the online application.
    c. **If you have a Specialist degree (Ed.S.) from FHU:**
        i. You may apply directly for candidacy as a doctoral student. Those admitted to candidacy will begin the final 18 hours of coursework for the Ed.D. in the fall of 2014.
        ii. To get started go to http://www.fhu.edu/academics/graduate/programs/education/index.aspx and complete the online application.