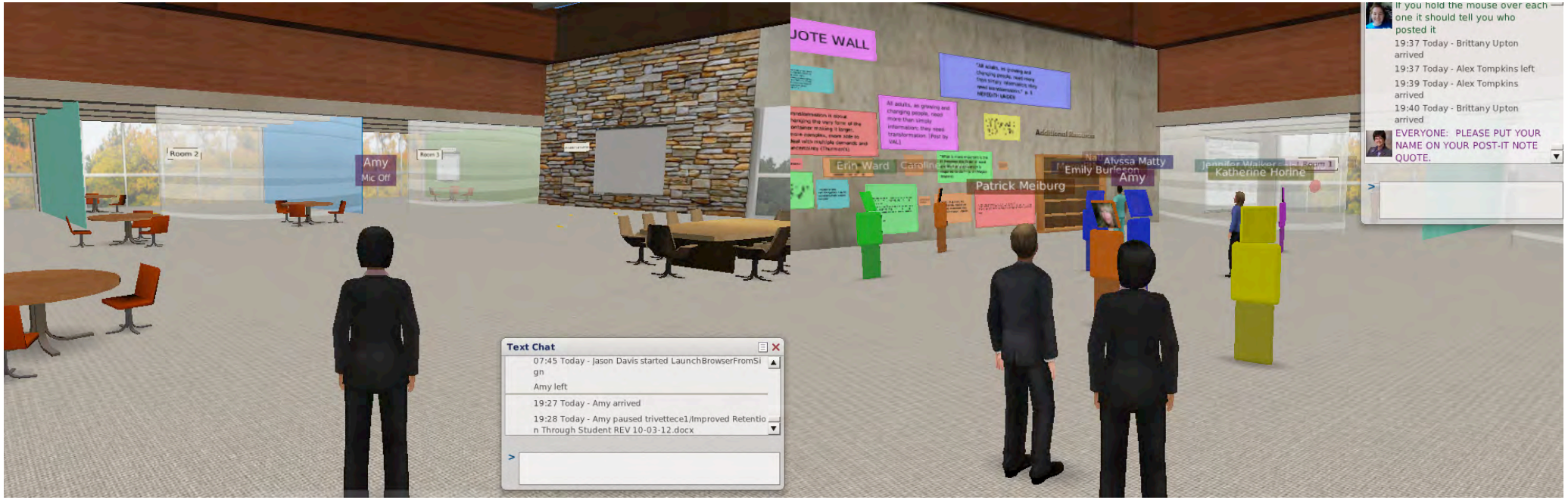

Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) Higher Education, Adult & Developmental Education

ONLINE COHORT FORMING FOR FALL 2015

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POSITION WITHIN APPALACHIAN

Appalachian State University

Chancellor: Dr. Sheri Everts

Provost: Dr. Stan Aeschleman

- College of Arts & Sciences
- University College
- **Reich College of Education**
  - Interim Dean: Dr. Robin Groce
- College of Fine & Applied Arts
- College of Business
- College of Health Sciences & Allied Professions

Among the depts. within this college is the:

Department of Leadership & Educational Studies

Interim Department Chairperson: Dr. Terry McClannon

Among the programs offered by the dept. is:

Higher Education Graduate Program

Program Director: Dr. Amy Trawick

HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATE PROGRAM

Founded in 1969, Appalachian's Higher Education Graduate Program provides a pathway to professional employment, advancement, and leadership in a wide variety of careers in community colleges, universities, college transition programs, and community agencies.

Two degrees are offered:

- ***Master of Arts (M.A.)***
- ***Education Specialist (Ed.S.)***

Three concentrations are offered:

- ***Community College and University Leadership***
- ***Adult and Developmental Education***
- ***(College) Teaching (on-campus only)***

http://highered.appstate.edu/

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OFF-CAMPUS COHORT STRUCTURE

- Approximately 15 students form a cohort and take all coursework together.
- 10 courses (30 semester hours) are required for the program.
- 2 courses are offered per semester, including summer terms.
- Courses are carefully planned for the cohort and delivered only once.

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ED.S. IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Provides individuals who have earned a Master's degree an opportunity to:
- Advance their careers in higher education
- Develop as leaders in the field
- Prepare for a doctoral program

Proposed Ed.S. ONLINE Cohort (FALL 2015)

ADULT & DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

- Prepares individuals for leadership positions in programs serving nontraditional students at 2-year and 4-year colleges and in adult education programs in business and community agencies.
- Meets the Ed. S. prerequisite requirement for Appalachian State's off-campus doctoral program in Educational Leadership.

ED.S – ADULT & DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

Graduates are typically employed/engaged as leaders in adult, developmental, and career-tech education:

- vice-presidents, deans, program directors
- directors of instructional support services
- lead faculty in college readiness programs (basic skills and developmental education)
- lead faculty in career-tech programs
- lead faculty in ESOL programs
- professional developers/trainers
- officers in professional organizations

ED.S. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

ADULT & DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION (Gaston, Spring 2014)

CORE

- HE 6040: Readings in Postsecondary Education
- HE 6320: Institutional Effectiveness
- HE 6330: Organizing for Learning and Diversity
- RES 6000: Advanced Research Methods, Design and Application

CONCENTRATION

- HE 6090: Seminar in Adult and Developmental Education
- HE 6310: Critical Issues in Adult and Developmental Education
- HE 6370: Designing Culturally-Responsive Learning Environments
- Designated Elective 1: Leading Organizational Change
- Designated Elective 2: Organizational Analysis in Higher Education
- Designated Elective 3: TBD (e.g., Seminar in Comparative Education)

COURSE DELIVERY

ADULT & DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION (Gaston, Spring 2014)

- Fall 2015 – Spring 2017 (2 courses/per term, including summers)
- **Course 1**: Meeting day: MONDAY
- **Course 2:** Meeting day: WEDNESDAY

➢ Online courses will have no more than one F2F session.

Application Deadline: JUNE 1, 2015 (or when cohort fills)

Applying earlier permits priority consideration for scholarships.

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CONNECTIONS TO THE ED.D.

- The Ed.D. in Educational Leadership is offered through its own program.
- An Ed.S. from ASU is required for individuals who want to enroll in an off-campus cohort for the Ed.D.
- All 30 hours will be accepted by the Ed.D. program towards its total of 60 hours (if targeted electives are taken).
- Acceptance into the Ed.D. program is <u>not</u> automatic.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ED.D.

- http://edl.appstate.edu

- Dr. Vachel Miller, Interim Director
  Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership
  millervw@appstate.edu

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

The following link provides a list of system requirements in order to use our online learning systems, including the 3D virtual world OpenQwaq.

http://appedtech.net/requirements/

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MINIMUM ADMISSION CRITERIA

- **Degree from an accredited college or university**
  - Ed.S. applicants are required to have a master's degree.

- **Evidence that you will be successful in the program:**

  - 3.0 GPA in the last earned degree and official scores from an appropriate admission test(s)

  OR

  - 2.5 GPA in the last earned degree and official scores at the 25th percentile level from the appropriate admission test(s).

TAKING THE MAT OR GRE

- For MAT information go to: www.milleranalogies.com
- For GRE information go to: http://www.ets.org/gre
- Testing Center on Appalachian campus offers MAT & GRE computer-based testing **(800-355-4084 ext.6801)**
- MAT – Monday, Thursday, Friday and selected Saturdays
  GRE – Monday – Friday and one Saturday each month

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DISTANCE EDUCATION SERVICES

- Program Manager: Bronwen Sheffield
- Library Services
- University Writing Center
- Office of Disability Services
- Discounted Tuition

COSTS

- **Distance Education Tuition & Fees (2014-2015)**

In-state

$235 per credit hour
X 3-hour class
$705 per 3-hour class

Tuition and fees are set annually, and annual increases can be expected.

- **Each course will vary in requirements for textbooks, etc.**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Loans are available for graduate students who qualify. The free financial aid form – FAFSA – is used; www.fafsa.ed.gov 800-4-FED-AID
- **ASU's Financial Aid Office:**
  - 800-355-4084 ext 2190
  - **www.financialaid.appstate.edu**
- For more information about financial aid, see the College Foundation of North Carolina website at: www.cfnc.org

Program and departmental scholarships are available. For more information, visit http://highered.appstate.edu/assistantships-scholarships.

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PAYMENT PLAN OPTION

- The TuitionPay Monthly Payment Plan is an interest-free alternative to paying your college expenses.

http://www.studentaccounts.appstate.edu/payment-plan

- You may break up your college expenses into either four or five equal monthly payments for one term or nine or ten equal monthly payments for both terms (fall and spring).

- Not available for summer sessions

OVERVIEW OF APPLICATION ITEMS

Official (sealed) transcripts from every college where you took a course for credit, including community colleges

Official test scores from the GRE or MAT

Contact information for 3 references (professional and/or academic)

Resume (Include education, military and work experience. If you have a gap in your history of four months or more in the last five years, the UNC System policy requires further documentation. Please provide an additional page in your resume with an explanation of the gaps.)

TRANSCRIPTS

You will need:

- **An official transcript mailed directly to the Graduate School from each of the colleges and universities attended since high school, even if the credits transferred elsewhere.**

You do not need to supply transcripts from Appalachian.

If you transferred credits into Appalachian from another college, you will need to arrange for those to be sent.

Mailing Address	Street Address (for UPS or FedEx)
Cratis D. Williams Graduate School ASU Box 32068 Boone, NC 28608	Appalachian Graduate School 287 Rivers Street, Room 232 Boone, NC 28608

APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM

Start early! You do not have to complete the application in one sitting. Starting an application early will allow you to receive updates on the cohort, scholarship information, and other announcements.

To begin, go to the following Graduate School site and set up an account.
https://www.gradadmissions1.appstate.edu/gradweb/DEFAULT.ASP

Use an email address you can use throughout the application process: *Yahoo! e-mail accounts are not permitted.*

FINALIZING YOUR APPLICATION

- You must successfully "Submit" your application on last page of the electronic application. Everything does NOT need to arrive at ASU before you submit. Click "Submit" as soon as you have entered your college history/reference information and uploaded your resume. [Don't wait for transcripts/test scores.]
- Send your application fee ($55) either online or mail to: **Cratis Williams Graduate School, ASU Box 32068, Boone, NC 28608.** Applications cannot be processed until payment is received.
- Make sure your official transcripts and test scores have been ordered.

ADMISSION DECISION

- Once you have successfully submitted your application and accompanying materials and paid the fee, you should log in to **monitor your application progress** and attend to missing information (transcripts, references, etc.)

- After all application materials are received, your application will go to the department for a decision. The Graduate School will inform you via email when a decision is made and follow up with a mailed letter.

REGISTRATION / ORIENTATION

- You must **confirm** that you will be enrolling as soon as you receive your admission letter. You will not be able to register until you confirm and your accounts have been set up.

- You will receive information by email about how to register for classes. Registration information, instructions, and assistance will be provided as needed.

- A **New Cohort Orientation** will be held a week or so prior to the beginning of classes.

GRADUATION

Appalachian's commencement occurs each **May** and **December**. On- and off-campus students graduate together on the Boone campus.

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CONTACTS

Application, registration, orientation, & miscellaneous questions:
Bronwen Sheffield – sheffieldbl@appstate.edu; 800/355-4084 or 828-448-6142

Graduate School - application questions:
Brenda Chambers – gradadmissions@appstate.edu
800/355-4084 ext 2130

Academic content questions:
Dr. Barbara Bonham (cohort advisor)– bonhambs@appstate.edu
800/355-4084 ext 6036

Financial Aid: 800/355-4084 ext 2190

ASU Testing Center: 800/355-4084 ext 6801

Student Accounts: 800/355-4084 ext 2113

Higher Education Program Website

http://highered.appstate.edu

Facebook Page

Appalachian State University (ASU), Higher Education Program
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