

Here is your chance to Meet A Drexel Dragon!

Read the thoughts of a Drexel Alumni before becoming a member of our Prestigious student body!



Meet Ross Conover!

Program of Study - ***Higher Education (MS)***

Graduation Date - March 2013

Current Job Title -

Director of Institutional Research and Assessment

Identify your favorite instructor(s) and course(s) in the Higher Education masters program and briefly describe why you have chosen them?

Favorite course: Governance, Management & Administration in Higher Education (*EDHE 510*)

"The Governance course is perhaps the most fascinating course that students take in the MSHE program (second would be the Higher Education Law course - *EDHE 530*).

The Governance course provides a comprehensive overview of the structure of higher education institutions and how the hierarchy significantly impacts the function of the institution. This course made it immensely easy to seamlessly transition between private and public, state and independent institutions."

Favorite instructor: Dr. Steve Thorpe (*Adjunct*)

"Dr. Thorpe taught the Introduction to Institutional Research (IR) course (*EDHE 640*), the foundational course for students interested in institutional research. Dr. Thorpe's experience, insight, and connections in the field were immensely helpful and reaffirmed my desire to work in IR"

As an Alumni, what did you enjoy most about the Higher Education program?

"I loved the research components of each course, as well as the practical application of content. Specifically, I enjoyed learning about strategic planning, and then given the opportunity to research and write my own strategic plan

about a mock university. We learned about higher education through both a theoretical and practical lens. It has given me the confidence to tackle problems and issues in my own work from a number of different angles."

How did the MS in Higher Education program help you to achieve your career goals?

"The connections I made with practitioners and professors have been immensely helpful throughout my career. I had professors that were invested in my success and their investment, coupled with hard work, have made success in the field not only a possibility, but a reality."

Do you have any advice for someone thinking about an education program at Drexel School of Education?

"Do it! If you have a passion for higher education, you want to help schools and students succeed, then you need this program. Make the commitment now as this is single-handedly one of the best investments that you can make in your career."

Lastly, if you had to describe the Higher Education program in one word, what would that word be?

"**Innovative!** - This is a remarkable program, I can't begin to describe the numerous ways that it has helped me personally and professionally."
