

## **Creighton University Graduate School Fact Sheet**

### **Overview:**

The Graduate School was formally established as a separate division of Creighton University in 1926; although, the first master's degree was conferred by the University in 1893. The first dean of Graduate Studies at Creighton University was appointed in 1926; the Graduate School conferred its first Ph.D. in 1971.

The purpose of graduate education at Creighton University is to develop traits of critical thinking, scholarly initiative and habits of disciplined inquiry. Creighton students are challenged to develop as professionals who have the wisdom and judgment necessary to provide leadership in helping build a more just society. The Graduate School's many programs integrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to develop competent and reflective individuals.

### **Faculty:**

- Gail Jensen, Ph. D., serves as the dean.
- Faculty from seven of the nine colleges and schools at Creighton University teach courses in one or more of the graduate programs.
- In 2009-2010, there were 290 members of the Graduate School faculty.

### **Students:**

- In fall 2009, there were 298 full-time and 520 part-time students enrolled in the Graduate School.
- In the spring of 2009, there were 797 total enrollments, 248 full-time and 549 part-time students.
- Over 850 students enrolled in courses in the summer of 2010.
- The student population consists of 12.3 percent minority and 8.4 percent international students.

### **Curriculum:**

- The Graduate School offers 27 master's degree programs ranging from Atmospheric Sciences, Physics and International Relations, to English, Ministry, Theology and Education, to the medical and pharmaceutical sciences, Education, and Negotiation and Dispute Resolution.
- Three doctorate programs are offered, in the fields of Biomedical Sciences, Medical Microbiology and Immunology, and Pharmacology. A new doctorate has just been introduced this year; it is the Ed.D. in Leadership program.

- The Graduate School offers 11 certificate programs in areas such as Christian Spirituality, Education Administration, Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, and Nursing.
- Dual degree programs are available in a variety of fields of study, allowing students to earn a graduate degree in conjunction with a professional degree (J.D., Pharm.D.), or to earn graduate degrees in two fields, including Business Administration, International Relations, Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, and Information Technology Management.

**Points of Pride:**

- Creighton University has several new online graduate programs, including
  - Master of Science in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
  - Master of Security Analysis and Portfolio Management
  - Master of Arts in Ministry
  - Master of Science in Health Care Ethics
  - Certificate in Catholic School Leadership
- A Master of Science in Bioscience Management was initiated in the summer of 2009. This is a professional science master's program, and is the only program of its kind in Nebraska.
- A new five-year course of study was introduced in the Fall of 2009 that includes a bachelors in theology, a masters in theology and Religious Education Teaching Certification.
- Creighton University offers a number of graduate assistantships and fellowships to both master's and doctoral students.
- Students from Creighton's graduate programs have been accepted into some of the most prestigious doctoral and postdoctoral programs in the country.