

COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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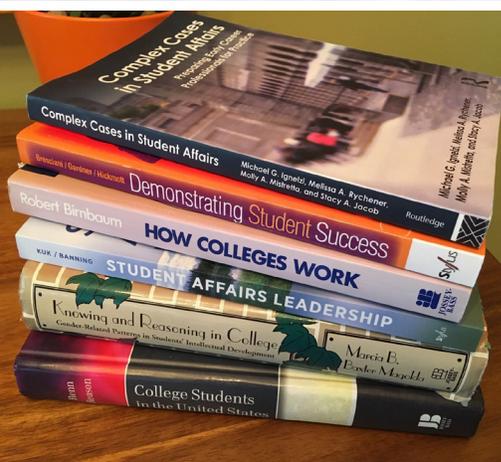
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

As one of the oldest student affairs degree programs in the State of Pennsylvania, the Student Affairs in Higher Education program is distinguished by its emphasis on preparing new professionals to respond effectively to individual student needs, as well as preparing them to provide groups of students with developmentally appropriate educational experiences. This 42 credit-hour degree program will prepare you to work in a variety of higher education positions, including but not limited to student activities, residence life, campus recreation, first year programs, student orientation, academic advising, admissions, financial aid, and career services.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Master of Arts degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education program:

- Meets professional standards set by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS)
- Can boast that 95% of graduates secure jobs in a position in higher education within three months of their graduation
- Features faculty who hold degrees in student affairs/higher education, have worked extensively in the field, and are engaging, student centered, and highly committed to teaching
- Meets professional standards set by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS)
- Is committed to innovative learning experiences like case studies, professional guest presenters, simulations, reflective team supervision, and campus visits
- Creates conditions that lead to transformation in our students such as increased professional confidence, attainment of skills for social justice advocacy and leadership, enhanced critical thinking, and an understanding of how to use individual strengths to positively impact college students and the university environment



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Student Affairs in Higher Education program is housed in Slippery Rock University's Department of Counseling and Development which also has three other high quality, hands-on degree programs: College Counseling*, Clinical Mental Health Counseling*, and School Counseling. All faculty in the Department of Counseling and Development draw upon their experience working in their respective fields to provide dynamic learning opportunities for our students.

**These programs meet the educational requirement for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Pennsylvania. Passing the National Counselor Examination (NCE) is also required to obtain the LPC. The Department of Counseling and Development is a graduate student administration for the NCE, allowing our students to take the exam prior to graduation. The final step to obtain licensure in Pennsylvania is to obtain supervised experience which can begin after the completion of 48 credits. Licensure requirements vary between states. If you wish to practice outside of Pennsylvania, we recommend you look at the specific state for their requirements. The American Counseling Association provides contact information for state at: <https://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/licensure-requirements/state-professional-counselor-licensure-boards>*



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TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

*Applicants invited to interview for admission to Counseling and Development (CDEV) programs will have the opportunity to apply and interview for a variety of graduate assistantship positions (located both at Slippery Rock and a number of neighboring colleges) as part of the CDEV admissions interview process.***

****See admission requirements on page 2 for more information.**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for unconditional admission. Students with a grade point average below 3.0 must submit official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores forwarded to the Graduate Admissions office at 104 North Hall Welcome Center, Slippery Rock, PA 16057. SRU's GRE code 2658, and the MAT code is 1660.
2. A written statement indicating their interest in the program, experience, and career goals found at www.sru.edu/graduate, under "Forms."
3. A Reference Release Form found at www.sru.edu/graduate, under "Forms."
4. Two academic recommendation forms from a former or current college or university faculty member with knowledge of the applicant's academic aptitude, suitability for intended program area, and ability to form interpersonal relationships. Recommendations must be on appropriate forms, which are available electronically at www.sru.edu/graduate, under "Forms."

Selected applicants will be invited for an interview. The priority deadline for applications and credentials is December 1. After this time, applications will be taken on a rolling basis.

STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM (42 CREDITS)

Year One, Fall (12 Credits):

- CDEV 602:** Introduction to Student Affairs & College Counseling
CDEV 699: Introduction to Research
CDEV 614: Helping Relationships
CDEV 623: Higher Education Environments and Cultures

Year One, Spring (12 Credits):

- CDEV 621:** Social and Cultural Diversity
CDEV 625: Assessment in Student Affairs
CDEV 631: College Student Learning and Development 1
CDEV 639: Student in American Higher Education

Although not a requirement, during the summer many students choose to participate in nationally sponsored student affairs internship programs providing them with valuable professional experience in the field. These internships are available both locally and throughout the United States.

Year Two, Fall (9 Credits):

- CDEV 643:** Organizational Behavior and Leadership in Higher Education
CDEV 705: Student Affairs Practicum
CDEV 632: College Student Learning and Development 2

Year Two, Spring (9 Credits):

- CDEV 646:** Student Affairs Capstone
CDEV 608: Ethical and Legal Issues in Student Affairs Elective

PROGRAM OPTIONS

There are two options for pursuing a Master's degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education:

1. Traditional two graduate years
2. 3+2 Program
 - SRU psychology undergraduates only
 - 3 undergraduate years + 2 graduate years

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

The Department of Counseling and Development
Graduate Coordinator
118 Carruth Rizza Hall
724.738.2035
counseling.development@sru.edu

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

Office of Graduate Admissions
104 North Hall, Welcome Center
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