

The Master of Arts Degree in Student Affairs

The Master of Arts in Education degree in Student Affairs is designed to prepare students to obtain entry and mid-level student affairs professional positions. Through a theory-based yet applications-oriented program, students gain necessary skills and competencies to succeed in a variety of student affairs units and postsecondary settings. The Counseling and Student Affairs faculty comprised of academics and practitioners cultivate active partnerships with student affairs professionals to provide a living learning laboratory for student professional development. Program content covers three broad areas: theoretical foundations, professional practice, and administrative effectiveness. Individual students are also provided with opportunities to focus on specific content areas which may be of particular interest.

CNS 571 Introduction to Student Affairs
CNS 572 The College Student Experience
CNS 574 Student Development in Higher Education
CNS 577 Counseling Concepts and Applications for Student Affairs Professionals
CNS 585 Leadership and Administration in Student Affairs
CNS 589 Group Dynamics in Student Affairs and Higher Education
CNS 590 Practicum
CNS 593 Career Development in Student Affairs and Higher Education
CNS 594 Research Methods in Student Affairs
CNS 595 Internship (two 3-hour Internships required)
CNS 603 Critical Issues and Strategies in Student Affairs and Higher Education
CNS 604 Resource Management in Student Affairs and Higher Education
CNS 605 Social and Cultural Diversity in Higher Education
CNS 610 Assessment and Accountability in Student Affairs and Higher Education
CNS 670 Parameters of Law in Student Affairs and Higher Education

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"You can't start a fire worrying about your little world falling apart."

-- Bruce Springsteen, *Dancing in the Dark*.