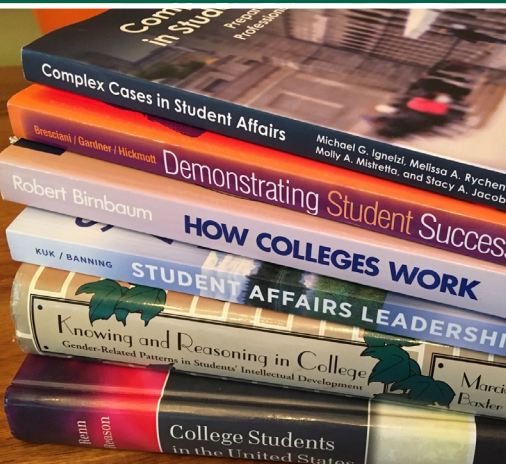


STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION COLLEGE COUNSELING CONCENTRATION

MASTER OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



DELIVERY METHOD

On-campus in the evenings

START DATE

Fall only

COMPLETION TIME

Three years

NUMBER OF CREDITS

60 credits



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University

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of Higher Education

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

We have a unique partnership with the Slippery Rock University Student Counseling Center, which is housed in the Department of Counseling & Development. The Counseling Center serves as a laboratory for learning, offering students in the College Counseling program opportunities to work with, and be mentored by, the Counselors in the Counseling Center. The College Counseling Concentration in the Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE) is a 60 credit-hour program that leads to eligibility for licensure in Pennsylvania as a Professional Counselor (LPC)*. The College Counseling program prepares highly skilled practitioners to provide direct services to students through a variety of college and university offices including a traditional counseling center. This program is a unique blend of training in counseling theory and skills, college student development, and higher education knowledge.

**Candidates completing these programs are eligible to become an LPC in PA after achieving a passing score on the National Counselor Examination. Additionally, candidates must obtain supervised experience, which can begin after the completion of your degree. If you are interested in working in another state, please contact the licensing board in that state.*

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Want a life changing experience that will help you change the lives of others? The College Counseling Concentration is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in a college/university or community mental health setting and offers:

- Small class sizes
- Faculty who 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)
- Preparation for careers in higher education and community mental health settings
- Learn about the unique challenges college students face and how to help them through this transition
- Learn how to recognize problematic behaviors in the college student population, assess for threat, and appropriately intervene to keep the campus community safe

PROGRAM OPTIONS

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

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

3 undergraduate years + 3 graduate years

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

College Counseling is housed in Slippery Rock University's Department of Counseling and Development which also has three other high quality, hands-on degree programs: Student Affairs in Higher Education, 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.

TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Students in the College Counseling program are encouraged to obtain a Graduate Assistantship as these positions provide valuable experiences working on a college campus. As such, faculty in the program assist applicants in navigating the process of obtaining a Graduate Assistantship through our Student Affairs in Higher Education & College Counseling Admitted Student Day.

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.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee of \$25.00:

1. Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts
2. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for unconditional admission.
3. A personal statement indicating interest in the program, experience, and career goals
4. Two electronic 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.

Selected applicants will be invited for an interview. The priority deadline for applicants seeking Graduate Assistantships is December 1. After this time, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. The college counseling program has fall start dates only.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Core I - Basic Knowledge

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| CDEV 602 | Introduction to Student Affairs and College Counseling | 3 |
| CDEV 614 | Helping Relationships | 3 |
| CDEV 621 | Social and Cultural Diversity | 3 |
| CDEV 699 | Introduction to Research | 3 |

Core II - Professional Knowledge

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| CDEV 608 | Ethical and Legal Issues in Student Affairs | 3 |
| CDEV 623 | Higher Education Environments, Cultures, and Students | 3 |
| CDEV 625 | Assessment in Student Affairs | 3 |
| or CDEV 680 | Assessment in Counseling | |
| CDEV 631 | College Student Learning and Dev.. 1 | 3 |
| or CDEV 610 | Lifespan Development | |
| CDEV 632 | College Student Learning and Dev.. 2 | 3 |
| CDEV 639 | Students in American Higher Education | 3 |
| CDEV 643 | Organizational Behavior & Leadership in Higher Education | 3 |
| or CDEV 638 | Foundations of College Counseling | |
| Elective Course | | 3 |

Core III - Advanced Knowledge

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| CDEV 646 | Student Affairs Capstone | 3 |
| or CDEV 756 | College Counseling Internship | |
| CDEV 705 | Student Affairs Practicum | 3 |
| or CDEV 707 | College Counseling Practicum | |

Core IV - Advanced Counseling Knowledge

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| CDEV 603 | Career Development and Counseling | 3 |
| CDEV 607 | Contextual Dimensions of Diagnosis | 3 |
| CDEV 612 | Group Counseling | 3 |
| CDEV 670 | Counseling Theory | 3 |
| CDEV 756 | College Counseling Internship | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 60 |

IMPORTANT CURRICULUM GUIDE NOTES

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.

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