ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT
In the Department of Counseling and Development, students prepare for a wide variety of successful careers through one of our three high quality, hands-on Master of Arts degree programs: Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Student Affairs in Higher Education and College Counseling.

Our faculty members draw upon their extensive experience working in their respective fields to provide dynamic learning opportunities for our students. Our students benefit from:

- A selective graduate program giving students the full attention of the faculty
- An innovative use of a diversely trained faculty, state of the art classroom technology, and an active partnership with the SRU Counseling Center
- A personalized education that gives students the structure to succeed and the freedom to excel
- Faculty with practitioner experience
- A life changing experience that prepares emerging professionals to make an impact with their careers in a range of professional settings

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education is a two year program that meets the professional standards set forth by the council for the Advancement of Higher Education (CAS). It is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in the student affairs division of a college or university.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Want a life changing experience that will help you change the lives of others? The Master of Arts degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in a college or university and offers:

- Small class sizes which allow faculty to work intensively with students
- Faculty who are engaging, student centered, and highly committed to teaching
- A two year cohort program
- A program that meets professional standards set by Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS)

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 Analogy 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 for the fall semester is December 1. Applications will be taken through January 15, but to receive priority consideration apply by December 1. If seats are still available, the second deadline for materials is April 15.
EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
CURRICULUM

The Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education is a 48 credit-hour program and offers the following courses:

Core I - Basic Knowledge:
- CDEV 602: Introduction to Student Affairs and College Counseling
- CDEV 610: Lifespan Development
- CDEV 614: Helping Relationships
- CDEV 621: Social and Cultural Diversity
- CDEV 699: Introduction to Research

Elective - any 600, 700, or 800 level course

Core II - Professional Knowledge:
- CDEV 608: Ethical and Legal Issues in Student Affairs
- CDEV 623: Higher Education Environments, Cultures, and Students
- CDEV 625: Assessment in Student Affairs
- CDEV 631: College Student Learning and Development 1
- CDEV 632: College Student Learning and Development 2
- CDEV 643: Organizational Behavior and Leadership in Higher Education

Core III - Advanced Professional Knowledge:
- CDEV 603: Career Development and Counseling
- CDEV 612: Group Counseling
- CDEV 627: Practicum in Group Leadership

Core IV - Advanced Counseling Knowledge:
- CDEV 705: Student Affairs Practicum 1
- CDEV 706: Student Affairs Practicum 2
- CDEV 755: Student Affairs Internship

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

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.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:
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The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

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