Students in the Department of Counseling and Development earn a Master of Arts degree in one of our three high-quality, hands-on programs leading to professional positions as counselors and student affairs practitioners. They benefit from engaging professors, small classes, and a partnership with the Slippery Rock University Counseling Center that serves as a laboratory for learning. All programs are CACREP accredited.

Each of the degree programs share a common core of coursework in basic knowledge, including an introductory course for their degree program. Each specialty program offers a selection of coursework and field experience.

In addition to our three degree programs, the Department of Counseling and Development offers Post-Master’s Endorsements for individuals who have already graduated with a master’s degree in a related field and who wish to complete coursework in one or more of our degree programs without completing another degree.

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 (address below). SRU’s GRE code is 2658, and MAT code is 1660.
2. A written statement indicating their interest in the program, experience, and career goals (please see prompt on application).
3. 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 deadline for applications and credentials for the fall semester is January 15. If seats are still available, the second deadline for materials is April 15.
**Student Affairs in Higher Education Program (48 credits)**

The Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education is a 48 credit-hour program that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). It is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in the student affairs division of a college or university. The M.A. degree program in Student Affairs in Higher Education meets the professional standards set forth by the Council for the Advancement of Higher Education (CAS).

**Core I - Basic Knowledge (15 credit hours):**
- 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

**Core II - Professional Knowledge (18 credit hours):**
- 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 (9 credit hours):**
- CDEV 603: Career Development and Counseling
- CDEV 612: Group Counseling
- CDEV 627: Practicum in Group Leadership
- Elective: Any 600, 700, or 800 level course

**Core IV - Field Experience (6 credit hours):**
- 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.

*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.*