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
• A life changing experience that prepares emerging professionals to make an impact with their careers in a range of professional settings

*These programs meet the educational requirements for licensure as a Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Pennsylvania. Passing the National Counselor Examination is also required to obtain the LPC. CDev is a graduate student administration site 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 boards at https://www.counseling.org.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education with College Counseling is a 60 credit-hour program that leads to eligibility for Pennsylvania licensure 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.

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 with College Counseling 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 60 credit-hour cohort program
• A program that meets professional standards set by Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS)
• A partnership with the Slippery Rock University Student Counseling Center that serves as a laboratory for learning.
• Graduates are eligible for the National Certified Counselor or credential (NCC) and are license-eligible in Pennsylvania as a professional counselor (LPC)
EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

COLLEGE COUNSELING CURRICULUM (60 CREDITS)

The College Counseling program offers the following courses:

**Core I - Basic Knowledge (15 credits):**
- 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 (15 credits):**
- CDEV 608: Ethical and Legal Issues in Student Affairs
- CDEV 623: Higher Education Environments, Cultures, and Students
- 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 Knowledge (9 credits):**
- 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 - Advanced Counseling Knowledge (12 credits):**
- CDEV 607: Models of Adaptive Behavior
- CDEV 617: Counseling the Adult
- CDEV 670: Counseling Theory
- CDEV 680: Assessment in Counseling

**Core V - Field Experience (9 credits):**
- CDEV 707: College Counseling Practicum 1
- CDEV 708: College Counseling Practicum 2
- CDEV 756: College Counseling Internship

**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

**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 interest in the program, experience, and career goals submitted to graduate.admissions@sru.edu.

3. A Reference Release Form (see graduate.admissions@sru.edu under “Forms”), listing your two academic references.

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.

**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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