

STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



DELIVERY METHOD

Blended (on-site/online)

START TERMS

Fall Start Preferred

COMPLETION TIME

4 semesters

NUMBER OF CREDITS

42 credits

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Hands-on learning, professional developmental funding available



SlipperyRock
University

A member of Pennsylvania's State System
of Higher Education

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

As one of the oldest student affairs degree programs in the State of Pennsylvania, the Student Affairs in Higher Education program is distinguished by its emphasis on preparing professionals to respond effectively to individual student needs and provide groups of students with developmentally appropriate educational experiences. This 42 credit-hour degree program will prepare you to work in a variety of higher education positions, including but not limited to student activities, residence life, campus recreation, first year programs, student orientation, academic advising, admissions, financial aid, and career services.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Master of Arts degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education program:

- Meets professional standards set by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS)
- Boasts that 99% of graduates secure jobs in a position in higher education within three months of their graduation
- Features faculty who have degrees in student affairs/higher education, have worked extensively in the field, and are engaging, student centered, and highly committed to teaching
- Commits to innovative blended learning experiences like case studies, professional guest presenters, simulations, and reflective team supervision offered in a convenient class schedule for busy graduate students
- Transforms students -- helping them learn professional confidence, social justice advocacy and leadership, critical thinking, and an understanding of how to use their individual strengths to positively impact college students and the university environment
- No GRE required
- Graduate Assistantships with stipend and tuition waivers are available

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

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

PROGRAM OPTIONS

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

1. Traditional two graduate years post-Bachelor's degree
2. 3+2 Program
 - SRU psychology undergraduates only
 - 3 undergraduate years + 2 graduate years

TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Students in the Student Affairs in Higher Education program are encouraged to obtain a Graduate Assistantship as these positions provide valuable practical experience 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:

1. Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts.
2. A personal statement indicating interest in the program, experience, and career goals
3. 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. A minimum undergraduate grade point average is needed to be considered for unconditional admission. The priority deadline for applicants seeking a Graduate Assistantship is December 1. After this time, applications will be taken on a rolling basis. The Student Affairs in Higher Education program recommends a fall semester start.

CURRICULUM

Core I - Basic Knowledge

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

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
CDEV 631	College Student Learning and Development 1	3
CDEV 632	College Student Learning and Development 2	3
CDEV 639	Students in American Higher Education	3
CDEV 643	Organizational Behavior & Leadership in Higher Education	3

Elective Credit		3
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Core III - Field Experience

CDEV 705	Student Affairs Practicum	3
CDEV 646	Student Affairs Capstone	3

Total Hours		42
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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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