

STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DELIVERY METHOD

Blended (on-site/online)

START DATE

Fall start preferred

COMPLETION TIME

4 semesters

NUMBER OF CREDITS

42 credits

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Hands-on learning, professional developmental funding available



Job placement rate = 100%
Most hired prior to graduation.

Starting salary range: \$45K- \$76K
Upward career mobility.

All undergraduate majors welcome.
Work in energetic environment.
Engage in meaningful work supporting students.

SlipperyRock
University

A member of Pennsylvania's State System
of Higher Education

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

www.sru.edu/graduate

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 college 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 fraternity/sorority life, student orientation, academic advising admissions, financial aid, and career services.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Curricular emphasis on working with college students in support of their socio-emotional wellness, engagement on campus, and academic success.
- Faculty have degrees in student affairs/higher education, with extensive professional experience working in a variety of institutions and roles.
- Students learn through innovative blended learning experiences like case studies, professional guest presenters, simulations, and reflective team supervision
- Courses offered in convenient blended class schedule for busy graduate students.
- Placement rate in the last five years is 100%, with most students receiving job offers prior to graduation.
- Boasts that 100% of graduates secure jobs within three months after graduation. Our graduates are pursuing and getting jobs in higher education adjacent fields (corporate recruiting, higher ed tech companies, etc.).
- Meets professional standards set by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS), aligns with ACPA/NASPA Professional Competencies
- Over 600 active alumni working in higher education and higher education-adjacent settings across the U.S.
- Graduate Assistantships with stipend and tuition waivers are available
- GRE not required for admission

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 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 Student Affairs in Higher Education program recommends a fall semester start.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

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 Course		3

Core III - Field Experience

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

Total Hours **42**

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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