ABOUT THE PROGRAM

We have a unique partnership with the Slippery Rock University Student Counseling Center, which is housed in the Department of Counseling & Development. The Counseling Center serves as a laboratory for learning, offering students in the College Counseling program opportunities to work with, and be mentored by, the Counselors in the Counseling Center. The Master of Arts in College Counseling is a 60 credit-hour program that leads to eligibility for licensure in Pennsylvania 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. *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.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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

• Small class sizes
• Faculty who are engaging, student centered, and highly committed to teaching
• Meets professional standards set by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS)
• Learn to mediate conflict in your personal and professional life
• Learn about trauma informed care and victimology - become a part of the healing process, and empower others to overcome challenges
• Learn how to recognize problematic behaviors in the college student population, assess for threat, and appropriately intervene to keep the campus community safe

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

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

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 the College Counseling Program 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 a part of the admissions interview process.
EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

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@sr.edu.

3. A Reference Release Form (see graduate.admissions@sr.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 is December 1. After this time, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

COLLEGE COUNSELING CURRICULUM (60 CREDITS)

Fall Term - Year One (12 credits):
CDEV 602: Introduction to Student Affairs and College Counseling
CDEV 614: Helping Relationships
CDEV 623: Higher Education Environments and Cultures
CDEV 670: Counseling Theory

Spring Term - Year One (12 credits):
CDEV 610: Lifespan Development
CDEV 621: Social and Cultural Diversity
CDEV 639: Students in American Higher Education
CDEV 680: Assessment in Counseling

Summer Term - Year One (3 credits):
Elective

Fall Term - Year Two (9-12 credits)
CDEV 612: Group Counseling
CDEV 638: Foundations of College Counseling
CDEV 642: College Student Learning and Development 2
Elective

Spring Term - Year Two (12 credits):
CDEV 603: Career Counseling and Development
CDEV 607: Models of Adaptive Behavior
CDEV 707: College Counseling Practicum 1
CDEV 708: College Counseling Practicum 2
Elective

Summer Term - Year Two (3 credits):
Elective

Fall Term - Year Three (6-9 credits):
CDEV 699: Introduction to Research
CDEV 756: College Counseling Internship

Spring Term - Year Three (6-9 credits):
CDEV 608: Ethical & Legal Issues
CDEV 756: College Counseling Internship
Elective

The program includes 6 credits of electives which can be taken in any of the semesters indicated above.

PROGRAM OPTIONS
There are two options for pursuing a Master’s degree in College Counseling:

1. Traditional two graduate years
2. 3+3 Program
   • SRU psychology undergraduates only
   • 3 undergraduate years + 3 graduate years

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:
The Department of Counseling and Development
Graduate Coordinator
118 Carruth Rizza Hall
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FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:
Office of Graduate Admissions
104 North Hall, Welcome Center
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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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