

STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION COLLEGE COUNSELING CONCENTRATION

MASTER OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DELIVERY METHOD

On-campus in the evenings

START DATE

Fall only

COMPLETION TIME

Three years

NUMBER OF CREDITS

60 credits

The program meets all educational requirements to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Pennsylvania.

Students work directly with the faculty during their fieldwork experience.

Graduates of the program work in various direct service and leadership positions in higher education and community mental health settings.

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 College Counseling Concentration in the Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE) 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.

**Candidates completing these programs are eligible to become an LPC in PA after achieving a passing score on the National Counselor Examination. Additionally, candidates must obtain supervised experience, which can begin after the completion of your degree. If you are interested in working in another state, please contact the licensing board in that state.*

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Want a life changing experience that will help you change the lives of others? The College Counseling Concentration is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in a college/university or community mental health setting 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)
- Preparation for careers in higher education and community mental health settings
- Learn about the unique challenges college students face and how to help them through this transition
- Learn how to recognize problematic behaviors in the college student population, assess for threat, and appropriately intervene to keep the campus community safe

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

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

College Counseling 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

Students in the College Counseling 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.

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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 college counseling program has fall start dates only.

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
or CDEV 680	Assessment in Counseling	
CDEV 631	College Student Learning and Dev.. 1	3
or CDEV 610	Lifespan Development	
CDEV 632	College Student Learning and Dev.. 2	3
CDEV 639	Students in American Higher Education	3
CDEV 643	Organizational Behavior & Leadership in Higher Education	3
or CDEV 638	Foundations of College Counseling	
Elective Course		3

Core III - Advanced Knowledge

CDEV 646	Student Affairs Capstone	3
or CDEV 756	College Counseling Internship	
CDEV 705	Student Affairs Practicum	3
or CDEV 707	College Counseling Practicum	

Core IV - Advanced Counseling Knowledge

CDEV 603	Career Development and Counseling	3
CDEV 607	Contextual Dimensions of Diagnosis	3
CDEV 612	Group Counseling	3
CDEV 670	Counseling Theory	3
CDEV 756	College Counseling Internship	3
Elective		3
Total Hours		60

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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