MASTERS OF EDUCATION IN COLLEGE STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION

Mission Statement
The mission of this program is to prepare our graduates to serve as student affairs professionals equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to assist any American college student to succeed and thrive in co-curricular environments. The CSAA Program emphasizes the integration of theoretical precepts and practical experiences via its courses, graduate assistantships and internships. The program underscores the value of collaborative relationships and academic partnerships to foster student retention and success.

Student Learning Outcomes
Students who successfully complete the program for the M.Ed in College Student Affairs Administration will be able to demonstrate the following:

Content
- Students will be able to summarize and apply student development theory to the practice of college student affairs administration.
- Students will be able to describe the history of higher education in general and specifically the history of student affairs administration.
- Students will be able to assess and describe the general and specific effects of college on students.
- Students will identify and discuss issues and trends in higher education organization and administration.

Critical Thinking
- Students will be able to recognize the interrelationships within and between student affairs units and other functional areas.
- Students will be able to relate how student affairs fits into the organizational and governance structure of the university and how student affairs contributes to the mission of the academy.
- Students will formulate and explain a personal professional philosophy.
- Students will be able to track and understand the implications of changing student characteristics.
- Students will be able to interpret, analyze, and apply to practice key legal issues related to student affairs and higher education.

Communication
- Students will employ a variety of communication skills including formal and informal verbal communication, informal writing, professional writing, and scholarly writing.
- Students will identify the variety of professional associations, publications, and conferences applicable to the profession.
- Students will join into a mentoring/coaching relationship with a professional practitioner.
Integrity/Values

- Students will demonstrate an awareness of and concern for community, diversity, and individual differences.
- Students will demonstrate an interest in collaboration and partnerships with other professionals and faculty.

Project Management

- Students will be practically competent and will demonstrate applied competencies such as decision-making, time management, planning, budgeting, program implementation and management, and program evaluation.
- Students will be vocationally competent by demonstrating attitudes, skills, and behaviors essential to professional employment.
- Students will be able to use appropriate strategies to influence individual, group, and organizational development in college students and their environments.
- Students will employ essential program assessment and research skills.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Students will demonstrate what they have learned through embedded assessments in classroom assignments, examinations, research and creative activities. In particular, the Capstone Seminar will provide a direct measure of cumulative learning through a juried case study presentation and an indirect measure through a personal reflection paper.

Job Prospects for Master of Education in College Student Affairs Administration Graduates

The U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook (Postsecondary Education Administrators : Occupational Outlook Handbook : U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics) suggests that “(e)mployment of postsecondary education administrators is expected to grow by 19 percent from 2010 to 2020, about as fast as the average.” Student affairs units found at most institutions might include:

- Academic Advising
- Alcohol and Drug Education
- Campus Activities and Student Organizations/Student Union
- Campus Police/Safety and Security
- Career Services
- Counseling and Health Services
- Disabled Student Services
- Enrollment Management
- Fraternity and Sorority Advising
- Financial Aid
- Learning Assistance Programs
- Housing & Residence Life
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- Multicultural Student Affairs
- Recreational Sports
- Student Affairs Administration
- Student Affairs Research and Assessment
- Student Conduct/Academic Integrity Programs

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