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Overview

The M.S. in College Student Affairs is designed to prepare students for the expanded roles and responsibilities of student affairs professionals in today's diverse college and university educational environments. Students will learn and experience the practical application of the knowledge base and skill sets of student affairs administration. The program is designed for students who are interested in a career in student affairs, and for those currently working in student affairs who seek to advance their own personal knowledge and professional credentials. The M.S. program consists of a 12 course (36 credits) sequence that places emphasis on Student Affairs in Higher Education.

Program Format

The M.S. program is offered residually. Students may enroll full or part time, taking six to nine credit hours per term. Students who enroll in 3 courses per term can expect to complete the program in five terms. Part-time students can expect to complete the program in three years. Summer attendance is mandatory.

Curriculum

The following courses are required for the master's program in College Student Affairs.

Courses

CSPA 5001 - The 21st Century College Student (3 credits)

An examination is made of students in higher education to prepare professionals for the various groups they will serve. Focus is given to the ever-changing student clientele, its subgroups and cultures. Along with student development theories, student characteristics, attitudes, values and broad issues regarding their participation in the educational experience will be explored.

CSPA 5002 - Current Issues and Trends in Higher Education (3 credits)

Staying abreast of current issues and trends in higher education is critical to becoming a competent student affairs educator. This course is designed to expose students to a variety of current issues and trends in higher education that have a dramatic impact on the student affairs profession and on our work as student affairs educators. Strategies to address major issues will be discussed.

CSPA 5003 - The College Student and the Law (3 credits)

Increasingly the courts play a pivotal role in the lives of student affairs practitioners. From student judicial cases to Supreme Court decisions on activity fees, a broadbased understanding of the law related to higher education is essential. This course will examine the impact of the legal system on both public and private colleges and universities as well as explore model student codes of conduct.

CSPA 5004 - Administration in College Student Affairs Work (3 credits)

This course will examine attributes, skills and institutional conditions within student personnel work that impact effective administration. Some of the major areas to be explored include personnel

practices, supervision, budget, finance, program development, short/long range planning, and internal and external governing bodies. An interactive course design will allow for hands-on practical applications and the development of well-grounded practitioners.

CSPA 5006 - Student and Adult Development in College (3 credits)

This course will focus on developing an understanding of students' intellectual, cognitive, social, moral, and identity development during the college years. Issues related to adult student development in the college setting will also be explored. Student development theories, research and current practices related to student development will be presented.

CSPA 5007 - Research Design & Assessment in Student Affairs (3 credits)

This course focuses on the development of applied research skills appropriate for social sciences, including basic research tools, assessment, social science research, and current research in the field. It provides the opportunity for students to learn about the conceptualization and writing of a student affairs assessment or research project.

CSPA 5040 - Communication Dynamics in Dispute Resolution: The Human Factor (3 credits)

This course presents communication theories relevant to conflict resolution as well as theories about understanding, analyzing, and managing conflict. The course focuses on the human and emotional aspects of conflict, and includes the influence of gender and culture. This course is pragmatic as well as theoretical, and presents communication and conflict resolution models in a practice-based approach.

CSPA 5100 - Mediation Theory and Practice (3 credits)

This course examines theories, methods, and techniques of mediation. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of mediation skills. **Prerequisite:** CSPA 5040.

CSPA 6140 - Facilitation Theory and Practice (3 credits)

This course develops students' skills in working with groups. It incorporates theories and models of group dynamics, facilitation, and group development, as well as workshop development and delivery. This course uses a practice-based approach, including role-plays and workshop presentations.

CSPA 6130 - Practicum I (3 credits)

This supervised practicum experience offers students the opportunity to explore a breadth of student affairs functions thereby gaining exposure, knowledge and experience in the variety of services and programs that make up a college/university division of student affairs. Students may select to generally explore all of the functional departments within the division, or select specific functions they wish to learn more about: residential life, housing, career services, student union, student activities, leadership development, recreation and wellness, volunteer services, special events, judicial programs, and the office of the dean of students. By experiencing the 'big picture' of the functions, programs and services of the division of student affairs, students will have the opportunity to be exposed to the numerous professional positions and opportunities available to them upon graduation.

CSPA 6160 - Practicum II (3 credits)

This supervised practicum experience offers students the opportunity to gain in-depth exposure, knowledge and practical experience in a selected area of specialization in student affairs that supports their professional goals, and will assist them in being prepared to work in a professional student affairs position in a college or university upon graduation. Students may select to focus their experience in: residence life (including conflict resolution and mediation services), housing, career

services, student union, student activities, student leadership training and development, recreation and wellness, volunteer services, student judicial affairs, special events, orientation, and professional program student services. Students may elect to complete this phase of their practicum experience at Nova Southeastern University or at another college or university. **Prerequisite:** CSPA 6130.

CSPA 6350 - Capstone in Student Affairs (3 credits)

The Capstone is designed to be taken at the end of the program. It will provide the unique opportunity for students to focus on the applied practice of student affairs, utilizing theories, research, and practice. The course is designed to incorporate both previous course work, and experiences in the program. Students will be challenged to apply their knowledge to practical problems they are likely to encounter as college student affairs professionals. **Prerequisite:** CSPA 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5006, 5007, 5040, 6140, 6130, 6160. **Course Frequency:** As Needed.

Degree Plans

Following is a sample degree plan for full-time students who begin their studies in Fall term. Degree plans will be developed during a student's first term and modified based on student enrollment date and pace of study.

Degree Plan: 36 credit hours

YEAR 1

Fall (September) CSPA 5001 - The 21st Century College Student Administration in College Student Affairs Work CSPA 5004 - CSPA 5040 - Human Factors

Winter (January) CSPA 5002 - Current Issues and Trends in Higher Education CSPA 5006 - Student and Adult Development in College CSPA 6140 - Facilitation Theory and Practice

Summer (April) CSPA 5003 - The College Student and the Law CSPA 6130 - Practicum I

YEAR 2

Fall (September) CSPA 6160 - Practicum II CSPA 5007 - Research Design & Assessment in Student Affairs

Winter (January) CSPA 5100 - Mediation Theory & Practice CSPA 6350 - Capstone in Student Affairs

Summer (April) Graduation