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IN

*CSA*  
*College Student Affairs*

Eastern Illinois University



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## VISION STATEMENT

Through state-of-the-art technology and facilities and researched-based training practices, the Department of Counseling and Student Development seeks to become a premier training facility for master's level Student Affairs professionals.

## WELCOME

Welcome to the Department of Counseling and Student Development at Eastern Illinois University. This brochure is designed to provide useful information on our graduate degree in College Student Affairs. Our Master's of Science (M.S.) in College Student Affairs closely adheres to CAS standards and is a leader in innovative programming. For more information on what we have to offer and why this program might be right for you, simply peruse this brochure or go online at <http://www.eiu.edu/~csd>. We are ready to assist you with your future in College Student Affairs. Please email or write for more information. Our mission is clear: we are committed to preparing students for professional practice.



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## Curriculum for the M.S. in College Student Affairs

### Required Courses

CSD 5490  
Special Topics in Higher  
Education Administration

CSD 5500  
Research Methods

CSD 5710  
Leadership and Administration  
in Higher Education

CSD 5715  
Individual and Group  
Intervention in Student Affairs

CSD 5720  
Student Development Theories

EDF 5730  
History and Philosophy of  
Higher Education

CSD 5735  
Multicultural Competence in  
Student Affairs

CSD 5740  
Consultation Skills and  
Organizational Development

CSD 5750  
Governance and Finance in  
Higher Education

CSD 5760  
Legal Issues in  
Student Affairs

CSD 5880  
Internship in Student Affairs

CSD 5950  
Thesis

Two elective courses

## Learning Goals for the M.S. in College Student Affairs

**1** Candidates will display the required academic preparation and professional dispositions necessary to succeed in the graduate program in College Student Affairs.

**2** Candidates will display evidence of skills in the areas of written, verbal, interpersonal, and technological communication.

**3** Candidates will display evidence of critical thinking and problem solving skills by demonstrating the application of theory to practice.

**4** Candidates will display evidence of maintaining professional dispositions, academic rigor, and legal and ethical practice while in the program.

**5** Candidates will display evidence of advanced scholarship through research and/or creative activity.

**6** Candidates will display evidence of content knowledge that meets or exceeds the criteria set forth by the Council for Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS).



"Coming to graduate school has been an amazing experience for me. This is the first time I have ever lived away from home, and the College Student Affairs faculty and the Eastern Illinois University community have made me feel so welcome. I am really enjoying the counseling focus of our program and feel like our professors are at the forefront of what is happening in our field. I would recommend this program without reservation to anyone who wants to be in a challenging learning environment with a close-knit family feeling."

Colleen Coffey, Doctoral Student, Trevecca Nazarene University

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School. In addition, students must:

- Complete and submit the departmental admission application;
  - Submit two departmental recommendation forms from individuals familiar with the applicant's academic or work performance;
  - Attend a pre-admission orientation and interview; and
  - Obtain a graduate assistantship appointment.\*
- Additionally, the successful applicant must demonstrate strong study skills, experience working with groups, evidence of leadership abilities, and commitment and desire to have a career as a student affairs professional.

\*All students admitted to the CSA degree program are required to have either a graduate assistantship or submit evidence of full-time employment in an institution of higher education or closely related educational organization.

*(For more details on program requirements, consult the graduate catalog.)*

## DEGREE AUDIT APPROVAL

The degree audit (or sequencing of courses) shall be approved by the student's advisor and filed with the department prior to the completion of 12 semester hours of credit that count toward the graduate degree. Coursework presented for transfer credit and coursework taken outside the Department of Counseling and Student Development may be counted as part of the 12 hour requirement. However, the acceptance of transfer coursework is up to the discretion of the student's advisor and program coordinator.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The successful completion of a rigorous 48-hour program earns an M.S. in College Student Affairs. The coursework includes two internship experiences, two semesters of professional development seminars, six hours of elective coursework, and the production of the master's thesis.

In addition, students are encouraged:

- (1) join and actively participate in professional associations (e.g., NASPA, ACPA, NODA, ACUHO-I, ICA, NASAP, NBSGA);
- (2) present research and engage in case study competitions at regional and national conferences;
- (3) facilitate workshops and discussion groups on-campus; and
- (4) actively participate in COSPA events and activities.

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## GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

All students admitted to the CSA degree program are required to have either a graduate assistantship or submit evidence of full-time employment in an institution of higher education or closely related educational organization. Information on graduate assistantships may be obtained at the following link:

[http://www.eiu.edu/~csd/ms\\_in\\_student\\_affairs\\_csa\\_days.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~csd/ms_in_student_affairs_csa_days.php)

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