

**Department of Counseling and Student Development**  
**M.S. in College Student Affairs**

**Departmental Application for Admission**

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The mission of the M.S. degree in College Student Affairs is to provide a dynamic curriculum for students interested in leadership careers in the field of student affairs in higher education. The program provides a strong foundation for knowledge and skills development needed for effective administration, efficient use of technology, and humanistic support of undergraduate and graduate education. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared for entry and mid-level student affairs positions in post-secondary public and private education as well as state and federal agencies. Students are encouraged to pursue additional studies in doctoral (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D.) and other terminal degree programs.

**Admission Sequence:** Any student who holds a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and who wishes to be admitted to the Department of Counseling and Student Development must complete the following:

**Admission to the Graduate School of Eastern Illinois University**

Submit the following to the Graduate School:

1. A Graduate School application to the Office of the Graduate School, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920-3099.  
Admission Process/Application: [http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/prospective\\_admissions.php](http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/prospective_admissions.php)
2. An official transcript showing the completion of a baccalaureate degree with the following G.P.A.:  
2.75 or above = Full Status Admission  
Applicants with an undergraduate degree of 3.00 or above will be given preference.

**Admission to the Department of Counseling and Student Development**

1. Complete 1-2 above for Graduate School Admission.
2. Complete and submit a departmental admission application.  
Click on the following link: <http://www.eiu.edu/csd/CSA.php>
3. Submit two departmental recommendation forms from individuals outside of the department familiar with applicant's academic or work performance. (The department prefers academic references if possible.)  
On-line recommendation form: <http://www.eiu.edu/~csd/prospective/recommendation.htm>
4. All students admitted to the CSA 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.
5. To assist you with this requirement, applicants requesting admission will be required to attend CSA Days on February 26-28, 2012. Please review the following website for important information regarding CSA Days: [http://www.eiu.edu/~csd/ms\\_in\\_student\\_affairs\\_csa\\_days.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~csd/ms_in_student_affairs_csa_days.php). This website allows registration for CSA Days and indicates graduate assistantships available.
6. Students who plan to (study) attend the program on a full-time basis will be given priority in admission to the program.

The following materials must be submitted to the Department before attending CSA Days: Graduate School Application, Undergraduate Transcript, Departmental Admission Application, Two Recommendation Forms. **Not submitting materials requested may result in admission being denied. Students are not eligible for financial aid until departmental admission is completed.**

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Please visit our webpage for the latest in departmental news and developments. (<http://www.eiu.edu/~csd>)

