Overview of M.A. Program Curriculum

The M.A. in Postsecondary Education Administration has a clinical core that is consistent with the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS Standards) and is representative of curriculum expectations of such programs.

Master of Arts in Postsecondary Education Administration/Student Affairs

The concentration in Student Affairs is designed for emerging leaders in student support services at postsecondary institutions including community colleges, four-year public, and four-year private colleges and universities. There are nine (9) predetermined concentration courses and six (6) hours that serve as supervised internship experiences in a student affairs setting.

The Student Affairs Specialization of the Master of Arts in Postsecondary Education Administration prepares individuals for careers in 2-year and 4-year postsecondary institutions and fields related to higher education through the service regionally, nationally, and internationally. The curriculum provides students with a foundation of research, administration, leadership, development theory, multicultural and diversity issues, group/team dynamics, and legal/ethic issues. Two 150-clock hour internships provide the depth of experience needed for careers in student affairs and related career fields.

Total Course Requirements.................. 45 hours

Core Courses.................................................. 30 hrs
ADM  630  Methods of Research
ADM  735  Institutional Research, Assessment & Accreditation
CNS  635  Human Development
HDL  660  Developing Human Potential
HDL  670  Multicultural and Diversity Issues in Leadership
HDL  692  Individual, Group & Team Dynamics
PSE  700  History and Foundation of American Higher Education
PSE  710  Higher Education and the Law
PSE  755  Postsecondary Instructional Support Systems
PSE  760  Organization and Operations in Postsecondary Education

Specialty Core Courses................................. 9 hrs
CSP  615  Introduction to Student Affairs
CSP  616  The American College Student
CSP  617  Current Issues in Student Affairs

Supervised Internship................................. 6 hrs
PSE  720  Student Affairs Internship I
PSE  730  Student Affairs Internship II