

College Student Affairs Administration, M.Ed.

The College Student Affairs Administration (CSAA) program is designed for those students interested in a professional career in the various college and university student affairs and student services areas. Program participants will prepare for careers involving organizational management, student development, leadership training, and administration. Guided by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS), the curriculum includes selected foundational studies; student development theory; student characteristics and effects of college on students; individual, group, and organizational interventions; organization and administration; and assessment and evaluation. The program also includes substantial supervised internship opportunities.

The master's degree in College Student Affairs Administration is a 36 hour program designed to be completed in two years. The program includes a professional core in addition to an opportunity to choose one advisor-approved elective. At least six hours of internship experience is included in the professional core. Internships are available in a wide variety of student affairs and student service areas.

Students are encouraged to seek at least one internship experience away from the UWF campus.

A quality academic program is enhanced by the opportunity for pre-professional work experience. A number of students in the program will have the opportunity for significant and meaningful work responsibilities that will translate directly into powerful résumés. Various student service areas of The University of West Florida offer several compensated assistantships including: the Office of the Dean of Students, residence life facilities and programs, student union operations and management, student activities and campus programming, Greek affairs, recreation facilities and programs, service, citizenship and career services.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the University graduate admission requirements described in the [Admissions section](#) of the catalog, the department bases decisions for regular admission on a holistic review of credentials in which the following criteria are used to assess the potential success of each applicant:

- Submission of one of the following graduate admission tests:
 - Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Verbal and Quantitative scores
 - Miller Analogies Test (MAT)
- Undergraduate institutional GPA
- Submission of letter of intent describing reasons for applying to the program and associated career goals
- Submission of three letters of recommendation including one professional reference and one academic reference
- Submission of résumé
- Fit with program

Full-time students are generally admitted only for the fall semester.

Degree Requirements

To be eligible for a M.Ed. degree in College Student Affairs Administration (CSAA), a student must do the following:

- Be admitted to the program
- Submit an approved degree plan which includes at least 36 semester hours
- Successfully complete all required coursework with a grade of 'C' or higher, with an institutional GPA of at least 3.0
- Complete degree requirements compliant with the time-to-degree policy
- Be recommended for graduation by the Department of Educational Research and Administration
- Successfully complete a comprehensive exam. Information about the scheduling of the exam may be obtained from the faculty advisor.

CSAA Course Requirements

EDH 5040	The American College Student: Trends in Higher Education	3
EDH 5070	Assessment Issues in College Student Affairs	3
EDH 6045	Theories of College Student Development	3
EDH 6368	Multicultural Competence in Student Affairs	3
EDH 6369	Capstone Seminar in Student Affairs	3
EDH 6405	Legal Issues in Higher Education	3
EDH 6505	Budgeting & Financial Management in Higher Education	3
EDH 6634	Introduction to College Student Affairs	3
EDH 6948	Internship in Higher Education (taken for two semesters)	6
SDS 6647	Foundations of Counseling Principles for Student Affairs Administration	3
Choose one of the following:		3
COM 6129	Assessing Organizational Dynamics	
COM 6207	Advanced Communication Leadership	
INP 6385	Group Dynamics in Organizations	
MAN 5116	Management of Diversity	
MAN 6156	Management and Organizational Behavior	
SDS 6345	Educational and Vocational Guidance	
Other appropriate graduate level coursework approved by advisor		
Total Hours		36