

College Student Personnel Administration

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The College Student Personnel Administration (CSPA) program is designed for those students interested in higher education administration, particularly in the various 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, evaluation, and research. The program also includes substantial supervised internship opportunities.

The master's degree in College Student Personnel Administration is a 36 hour program designed to be completed in two years. The program includes a professional core of 24 hours plus 12 hours of appropriate electives. Three hours of internship experience is included in the professional core. Internships are available in a wide variety of student affairs and student service areas.

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 resumés. Various student service areas of The University of West Florida offer several compensated assistantships including: the Dean of Students office, residence life facilities and programs, student union operations and management, student activities and campus programming, Greek affairs, recreation facilities and program, orientation and other student transition programs, student development services, academic advising, and career services.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University minimum standards of admission to graduate studies, students are required to provide a letter of intent including the name, address, email, and phone number of three professional references. The completed application will be reviewed by the division's Graduate Admissions Committee.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a M.Ed. degree in college student personnel administration, a student must:

- A. Be admitted to the program;
- B. Submit an approved degree plan which includes at least 36 semester hours;
- C. Complete degree requirements within five years from the date of admission; and
- D. Be recommended for graduation by the Division of Graduate Education.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this *Catalog*.

CSPA Core (24 sh)

EDF	6xxx	Survey of Literature in College Student Personnel	3
EDF	6404	Educational Statistics I	3
EDH	5040	The American College Student: Theories and Trends	3
EDH	6xxx	Budgeting, Finance and Governance in Higher Education	3
EDH	6405	Legal Issues in Higher Education	3
EDH	6634	Introduction to College Student Personnel	3
EDH	6948	Internship in Higher Education Course offered 1-3 sh per semester	3

Choose one:

EDF	6464	Applied Program Evaluation	3
EDF	6475	Qualitative Research I - Methods	3

CSPA Electives (12 sh)

Choose 12 sh:

EDF	6481	Educational Research	3
EDG	5332	Principles of Instructional Design & Product Development	3
EDG	6335	Advanced Instructional Design & Product Development	3
EDG	6791	Multicultural Education	3
PAD	6227	Public Budgeting	3
PAD	6335	Strategic Management for Public Nonprofit Organizations	3
PCO	6216	Theories of Individual Counseling	3
PCO	6246	Theories of Group Counseling	3
MAN	5047	Team Building	3
MAN	5116	Management of Diversity	3
MAN	6156	Management and Organizational Behavior	3

Or other appropriate graduate level course work approved by the advisor