

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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### Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Higher Education in Student Affairs

#### Objectives

This program is designed for people who are interested in pursuing a career in student affairs administration at universities, four-year colleges and community colleges. The program focuses on the development of college students and the skills, competencies, aptitude and motivation necessary to be an effective student affairs practitioner. The program places particular emphasis on the importance of working collaboratively within diverse and dynamic organizations in higher education. The program prepares people to work in areas such as residence life, student activities, judicial affairs, admissions, financial aid, academic and personal advisement, international student services and career services. The program enables graduates to apply student development theories and learning to areas such as policy development, program planning and assessment, and administration in diverse environments.

#### Admissions

It may be possible to take a limited number of courses prior to formal admission to the program. If you are interested in this option, please contact the graduate program coordinator. If you are accepted into the program, you must meet with the graduate program coordinator to develop a tentative plan of study and discuss any transfer credits.

#### Program Requirements

All candidates must complete

- a minimum of 42 credit hours of graduate course work (described below)
- two practica of at least 150 hours per semester (can be completed at Salem State or another institution with permission of the program coordinator)
- a comprehensive exam, usually taken after most course work has been completed

#### Course Requirements

##### Fall

- EDU 719 Student Affairs: Theory, Research and Practice 3
- EDU 773 Theories of College Student Development 3

##### Spring

- EDU 723 History of Higher Education 3
- EDU 811 Administration and Organization in Higher Education 3
- EDU 738 EDU 738 Educational Research Across the Curriculum OR 3  
OR PSY 700 PSY 700 Research Methods in Psychology\*

\*These courses are generally offered every semester and students may wish to take them at a different time. Some courses may also be offered during the Winter session.

Summer			
•	EDU 704	Multicultural Issues in Student Affairs	3
•	EDU 861	Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education	3
•	Elective	Elective	3
Fall			
•	EDU 803A	Helping Skills for Student Affairs Professionals I	3
•	EDU 985A	Practicum in Student Affairs I	3
•	Elective	Elective	3
Spring			
•	EDU 803B	Helping Skills for Student Affairs Professionals II	3
•	EDS 988	Capstone Seminar in Student Affairs	3
•	EDU 985B	Practicum in Student Affairs II	3
			<b>Total Credits</b>
			<b>42</b>

### Notes

Students must choose a minimum of six credits as electives. Electives may be selected from related courses from various disciplines or interdisciplinary areas.

- [Approved electives](#)

There is also an opportunity to take courses approved by the program coordinator from the UMASS Boston doctoral program. Students may also choose to pursue independent study as an elective (EDU 875) with permission from the program coordinator. All electives must be approved by the program coordinator.

The School of Graduate Studies reserves the right to make changes in program and course requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester. Therefore, you should meet regularly with your program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed.

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