Student Affairs in Higher Education
Master of Education Program
What is *student affairs*?

People who work in student affairs provide services, programs, and resources that help students learn and grow outside of the classroom. Student affairs professionals:

- Enhance student learning
- Guide academic and career decisions
- Mentor students
- Help students develop skills
- Counsel students through crises
A career in student affairs

- Is rewarding and meaningful
- Allows for variety in job responsibilities and roles
- Encompasses a vibrant work environment
- Provides you opportunities for lifelong learning and continual personal and professional growth and development
Student Affairs Functional Areas

- Alumni Programs
- Student Government Advising
- Leadership Development
- Under-represented Student Support
- Service Learning & Community Service
- Student Learning Assistance
- Academic Coaching & Success
- Career Services
- Study Abroad / International Programs
- Wellness Programs
- GLBT Student Services
- Support for students with Disabilities
- Veterans Programs
- New Student Orientation
- Multicultural Programs
- Student Activities
- Greek Life
- Residence Life
- Recreation/Fitness Centers
- Financial Aid
- Women’s Centers/Programs
- Student Unions
- Judicial Affairs / Student Conduct
- Student Organization Advising
- Admissions
- First Year & Transition Programs
- Transfer Student Services
- Academic Advising
Program Distinctiveness

- Program Emphasis & Format
- Diversity of Students and Faculty
- Partnership between the SAHE Program & Division of Student Affairs
- At least 3 valuable professional practical experiences
- Professional development
- Placement of our Alumni
About Texas State University

• Over 38,000 students from diverse backgrounds
  • “Small-school feel”
  • “Feels like family”

• Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)
  • 33% of students identify as Hispanic or Latina(o)

• College of Education recognized as a leader in many education disciplines

• Small city with access to large metropolitan areas (Austin and San Antonio)
Student Affairs in Higher Education Program

- 42-hour comprehensive master’s program
- Cohort-based
- Theory to practice
  - Student development
  - Helping skills
  - Organization & Administration
- Student-centered environment committed to student success
- Celebrate diversity in faculty and students
- Strong partnership between College of Education and Student Affairs Division
Cohort-Based Program

- Approximately 16-20 students per cohort
- Take courses together in the same sequence
- Develop strong relationships with each other & with faculty
- Bridge and integrate learning across courses
- Research demonstrates student success and retention in cohort-based models
SAHE Curriculum

Fall I
- Student Affairs Functions and Professional Orientation
- Foundations of Higher Education & Student Affairs Administration
- Research Methods

Spring I
- Internship I
- Student Development Theory
- Basic Helping Skills

Fall II
- Internship II
- Multicultural Practice & Social Justice in Student Affairs
- Assessment, Strategic Planning, and Evaluation in Student Affairs

Spring II
- Student Affairs Capstone
- Leadership in Student Affairs
- Governance & Legal Issues in Higher Education

Summer I
- Elective #1
- Elective #2
SAHE Program Faculty

- Dr. Paige Haber-Curran, Program Coordinator & Assistant Professor
- Dr. Shannon Dean, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Stan Carpenter, Dean of College of Education
- Dr. Joanne Smith, VP for Student Affairs
- Dr. Margarita Arellano, Associate VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- Dr. Greg Snodgrass, Retired Assistant VP for Student Affairs and Director of the Counseling Center
- Dr. Sherri Benn, Assistant VP for Student Affairs and Director of Student Diversity & Inclusion
- Mark Kennedy, J.D., Assistant District Attorney
- Dr. Greg Hill, Assistant Director, Career Services
- Dr. Jen Beck, Director of Retention Management and Planning
- Dr. Lisa Kirkpatrick, VP for Student Affairs, St. Edward’s University
Application-Oriented

- Graduate Assistantship Positions (GAs) – Avg. 20 hr/ week
- Two required internships
  - Approximately 10 hr/wk
  - On campus at Texas State or at nearby institutions
    - University of Texas - Texas Lutheran University - Trinity University – Southwestern University - St. Edward’s University - Huston-Tillotson University – San Antonio College - St. Mary’s University – Austin Community College – Trinity University
- Case study-based comprehensive exams
- Theory-to-practice focus of classes
Graduate Assistantship Positions

- 20-hours per week
- Student Affairs Division & Academic Affairs
- 9 month and 12 month
- Monthly stipend
- Housing & Residential Life Assistantship positions come with room & board- and a slightly lower lower stipend
- Out of state students with Graduate Assistant positions receive out-of-state tuition waiver
Financial Assistance

- Graduate Assistantships
  - Stipend (approx. $1,300 per month)
  - Out of state tuition waiver
- Graduate College Scholarships (merit based)
- Other Scholarship Opportunities
- Departmental, College, & University funding for professional travel
- Financial Aid
Professional Development

- Professional Associations- Presenting, Attending, Internships
- Professional Development Opportunities at Texas State
- Graduate Student Affairs Council (GSAC)
- Study Abroad opportunities
  - First SAHE International Experience offered Fall 2015
- Conferences attended:
  - ACPA - NASPA - ACUI - NACA - NODAC - AAHHE - TACUSPA - TABPHE - SWACUHO - NACADA - SACUCCA - HACU
Graduate Student Affairs Council

- Student organization
- Opportunities to enhance the holistic development for students interested in a career in student affairs
- Graduate Student Affairs Council (GSAC) provides:
  - Social events
  - Professional development
  - Career development
Alumni of SAHE

• Nearly all graduates in the past 9 years accepted positions in Student Affairs or related fields within the first 3 months after graduation
• Job placements within Texas and across the U.S.
• Alumni pursuing Ph.D. programs
Application Process

• Holistic Applicant Review
• Application Material
  • Transcripts (preferred: 3.0 or higher in last 60-hours)
  • Resume
  • Statement of Purpose
  • GRE Scores (preferred: 150 Verbal, 145 Quantitative, 4.0 Analytical Writing)
  • Letters of recommendation
• January 15, 2017 deadline for Fall 2017 Admissions
• Program Interview Days- February 27 & 28, 2017
  • Interview for program and Graduate Assistantships
Questions?

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★ Stay in touch!
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