Overview
The online student affairs in higher education (SAHE) Master of Science degree prepares you for a career in student affairs through curriculum taught by faculty who are both scholars and practitioners of student affairs. Through the SAHE master’s degree, you’ll learn professional competencies needed to be successful in a wide range of settings on college and university campuses, including financial aid, admissions, student activities, advising, and residence life.

During our master’s in student affairs program, you’ll learn:
• Theories, assessments, and evaluations related to student affairs practice
• Cross-cultural and diversity issues within the context of higher education
• How diverse student learning, developmental theory, and research are relevant to students’ education and development
• Current issues and practices in the student affairs profession
• Administration functions and services in your choice of at least two distinct student affairs functional areas

Through this varied coursework and two practicum experiences, you gain professional expertise that will help you function in an administrative capacity and increase your ability to manage yourself, communicate effectively, and establish healthy and effective working relationships.

Because diverse backgrounds and experiences enrich our student affairs graduate programs, we aim to have students from across the United States, and around the globe, coming from a variety of background experiences—whether directly out of undergraduate programs, from entry level positions in student affairs, or with years of higher education and student affairs experience.

Delivery
Online

Credits
45 credits

Tuition
$609 per credit; financial aid is available

Time Frame
Can be completed in 3 years

Degree Awarded
Master of Science in Student Affairs in Higher Education

Offered By
School of Education

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The online SAHE master’s degree is a way for new and aspiring student affairs professionals to obtain this valuable [education] with the same faculty and curriculum as our highly regarded on-campus program, at a distance and at their own pace.

Dave McKelfresh
SAHE graduate program chair
Minimum Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution
- A 3.0 GPA on all undergraduate coursework
- No GRE scores are required

Completion Requirements

- 45 graduate credit hours
- Two practicum experiences
- Compilation of a comprehensive portfolio and a final defense. The comprehensive portfolio includes items such as:
  - A personal statement on your philosophy
  - Values and goals as they relate to the student affairs profession
  - A vita or resume
  - Reflection essays on your learning, development, performance and academic assessments
  - A professional development plan

Curriculum

While none of the classes have prerequisites, it is recommended that EDRM 698 – Research is taken in the first or second semester of classes. You are required to take at least two credits worth of electives during the course of your studies. Most graduate courses offered through Colorado State University Online qualify as electives for your degree, though all are subject to advisor approval.

Fall
- EDHE 660 – Financial Management in Student Affairs (2 cr.)
- EDRM 698 – Research (1 cr.)
- EDUC 502 – Human Relations in Education (3 cr.)
- EDHE 661 – Inclusive University (3 cr.)
- EDUC 686A – Practicum (2 cr.)
- EDHE 671 – Higher Education Administration (3 cr.)
- EDHE 674 – Campus Ecology (elective) (3 cr.)
- EDHE 680A1 – Foundations of College Opportunity Programs (elective) (3 cr.)

Spring
- EDHE 672 – Ethical and Practical Issues – Student Affairs (2 cr.)
- EDHE 673 – Student Development Theory (3 cr.)
- EDHE 674 – Campus Ecology (elective) (3 cr.)
- EDRM 698 – Research (1 cr.)
- EDHE 662 – Trends, Issues, and Assessment in Higher Education (2 cr.)
- EDHE 677 – Law in Student Affairs (3 cr.)
- EDHE 650 – College Opportunity Program Models (3 cr.)

Summer
- EDHE 670 – College Student Personnel Administration (3 cr.)
- EDHE 674 – Campus Ecology (elective) (3 cr.)
- EDM 600 – Introduction to Research (3 cr.)
- EDHE 676 – Organizational Behavior in Student Affairs (3 cr.)
- EDUC 686A – Practicum (2 cr.)
- EDHE 678 – Capstone in Student Affairs (2 cr.)
- EDRM 666 – Program Evaluation (3 cr.)
- EDRM 698 – Research (1 cr.)
- EDHE 678 – Capstone in Student Affairs (2 cr.)
- EDRM 666 – Program Evaluation (3 cr.)
- EDRM 698 – Research (1 cr.)