

Student Affairs in Higher Education

Master of Science (M.S.) in Student Affairs in Higher Education



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
ONLINE

Overview

This online student affairs in higher education (SAHE) Master of Science degree prepares you for a career in student affairs through a curriculum taught by faculty who are both scholars and practitioners. Through the SAHE program, you will 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
- Residence life

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

Topics of study include:

- 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

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.

Delivery

Online

Credits

45 credits

Tuition

\$645 per credit

- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time Frame

Can be completed in 3 years

Completion Requirements

- 45 graduate credit hours
- Two practicum experiences
- Portfolio that depicts professional competencies gained

More Info

online.colostate.edu/degrees/student-affairs

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How to Apply

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Application Deadlines

Fall semester: **June 1**

1 Review Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- A 3.0 GPA on all undergraduate coursework

2 Prepare Application Materials

Prepare the materials below and upload when you apply online.

- Statement of purpose
- Application questions
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation

3 Complete Online Application

Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for transcripts to move your application forward.

- Select “Student Affairs in Higher Education (M.S.) – Distance” when choosing the program of study.

4 Request Transcripts

Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

5 Interview for Admission

After the initial screening of applications by the SAHE faculty, candidates are contacted to set up 30-minute telephone interviews. This is also an opportunity for you to gain more information about the program.

The selection committee, comprised of SAHE faculty members who are also advisors in the program, conducts the program interviews.

Check Your Application Status

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.

International Students

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.

