



MASTER OF EDUCATION IN PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING COLLEGE STUDENT AFFAIRS CONCENTRATION

Proof of the following should be submitted to the Graduate School according to the application deadline.

FALL SEMESTER 2011 APPLICATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 8, 2011

- ✓ Completed [application](#) for admissions
- ✓ Non-refundable \$30.00 application fee (one time only)
- ✓ Undergraduate or Graduate Degree from regionally accredited institution
- ✓ One official transcript from each college or university attended
- ✓ 2.7 cumulative undergraduate GPA
- ✓ Three [letters of recommendation](#) to include previous faculty, employers, supervisors, or professional colleagues. One may be personal.
- ✓ Narrative Statement – The narrative statement should include your reasons for applying to the Professional Counseling – College Student Affairs program, career goals, etc. Your narrative should be a MINIMUM of 2 pages.
- ✓ Current résumé
- ✓ Interview with departmental faculty
- ✓ Satisfactory [Certificate of Immunization](#) (New Students Only)
- ✓ [Academic Honor Form](#)

Please send all documents, except the [Certificate of Immunization](#) (see form for instructions), directly to the Graduate School, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia 30118. Please allow 7-10 business days to process your application. Check your application status online at www.westga.edu/~gradsch/ by clicking on [HOW TO APPLY](#) (item #9).

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Dept of Collaborative Support & Intervention	678-839-6567	
- Professional Counseling	678-839-6554	coe.ed.westga.edu/cep/
- College Student Affairs Program	678-839-6114	www.westga.edu/csa/
College of Education	678-839-6570	coe.westga.edu/
Graduate School	678-839-6419 / 678-839-5949 (FAX)	gradsch@westga.edu
College of Education	678-839-6570	coe.westga.edu/
Financial Aid	678-839-6421	www.westga.edu/finaid/
Registrar	678-839-6438	www.westga.edu/registrar/

The Graduate School's web site (www.westga.edu/~gradsch/) has links to all graduate programs.



Masters Program in College Student Affairs

www.westga.edu/csa/

The University of West Georgia offers the M.Ed. in Professional Counseling with an emphasis in College Student Affairs through the Department of Transformative Support & Intervention. The program will follow the CAS Standards. Courses will be taught by both full-time faculty and practitioners, with meaningful assistantships in the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management.

Degree: Master of Education in Professional Counseling with a concentration in College Student Affairs

Purpose: To provide graduate students with the skills and competencies required to work with college students in a variety of settings within higher education organizations. The program is designed to provide students with the following:

- Entry-level counseling skills
- An understanding of both the young adult and the nontraditional student
- An understanding of the social milieu of the individual in higher education
- An understanding of student services in higher education
- Practical experiences in the various aspects of student affairs work

Selection Process:

Qualified candidates will be invited to campus for a two-day interview process which will include an interview for the graduate program and interviews for various assistantships.

Assistantships:

12-15 assistantships will be available within the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management. The assistantship stipend is \$800 per month, plus a full tuition waiver; assistantships in Housing & Residence Life also include an on-campus apartment. Students are responsible for mandatory fees (approximately \$800 per semester for full-time students).

The University:

UWG enrolls 11,500 students. It is conveniently located about one hour west of Atlanta, in Carrollton, a charming town of 20,000.

Why should you consider a career in College Student Affairs?

If you are looking for a meaningful career where you can make a difference in people's lives, if you enjoy being a part of a college campus, and if you have good interpersonal and organizational skills, Student Affairs may be a good career for you. People who get degrees in College Student Affairs build careers in a variety of offices, including admissions, orientation, financial aid, student activities, career services, housing, advising, leadership development, community service, alumni affairs, services for students with disabilities, minority and multicultural student services, enrollment management, and student judicial affairs.

Why should you start your student affairs career at the University of West Georgia?

UWG is a comprehensive institution with a diverse student body, which will expose you to the full spectrum of student affairs functions. We are fully committed to your professional success. The Transformative Support & Intervention has an excellent reputation for preparing well-qualified professional counselors; while this new program will not prepare you to be a counselor, it will provide you with strong counseling skills as an important complement to student affairs knowledge and administrative skills. Courses will be taught by both full-time faculty and full-time professionals. The excellent relationship between the Department of Transformative Support & Intervention and the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management means that you will be encouraged to connect your academic experience with your assistantship and internship experiences, so that you will complete the program ready to succeed in your first full-time professional job. This is an exciting time to be at UWG – we are a growing institution, with many visible signs of progress and new opportunities for students. Just in the past three years, we have opened a new \$30 million Campus Center, a Coliseum, a Greek Village, and a Stadium – all of which are providing new opportunities for improving student life – and you can be a part of that change.

Curriculum (42 hours):

Foundations of College Student Affairs
 Introduction to Counseling Practice
 Addictions Counseling
 Counseling Theories
 Research and Program Evaluation
 Theories of College Student Development
 Group Counseling
 Practicum 1
 Higher Education Administration
 Multicultural Counseling
 Practicum 2
 Legal Issues in Higher Education
 Student Characteristics and the Effects of College on Students
 Capstone Course

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS SEEKING ADMISSION
TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND GRADUATE SCHOOL**

For admission into the College of Education and Graduate School, a prospective student may be required to meet minimal GPA and GRE test score requirements in addition to meeting other specified criteria. The Graduate School calculates the GPA on all undergraduate course work attempted. If this GPA does not meet the department minimum GPA, the Graduate School recalculates the GPA on the basis of the last 60 hours (or its equivalent) of undergraduate and/or graduate course work completed. All courses taken during the term in which the 60th credit hour is completed shall be included in the calculation.

No prospective student may be admitted to the Graduate School to take any course without the approval of the appropriate department in the College of Education. This means that every prospective student must be recommended for admission into a degree or non-degree program before being admitted to the Graduate School. Each department must approve every student for regular or provisional admission into a program of study before any graduate courses in the College of Education may be taken. Any student admitted provisionally must receive specific requirements from the department which, when successfully completed, will result in "Regular" admission into the degree program. Any applicant denied admission can appeal such a decision. However, no prospective student will be considered for appeal with less than a 2.5 GPA on the last 60 hours of course work attempted.

The University of West Georgia offers a number of Specialist in Education (EDS) degree programs. A separate application is required for admission into these programs. Please call the Graduate School Office at 678-839-6419 or consult our web site for additional information.