COUNSELOR EDUCATION:
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Master of Science

Share your passion for the college experience by working with college students to help them get the most from their educational experience. With Central's MS in Counselor Education: Student Development in Higher Education program, you'll learn the foundations of the field of student affairs/services with an emphasis on student development, counseling, and utilizing a social justice framework.

A theory to practice model is used to develop practical skills to be successful in working with college students. Open the door to developing a career in:

- Residence Life
- Academic Advising
- Career Services
- Learning Centers
- Student Activities
- Tutoring
- First Generation Centers
- Multicultural/Inter-cultural Centers

Program Features

- Starts every May
- 42-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Classes on-campus and online
- Follows the Master's Level Higher Education and Student Affairs Professional Preparation Programs standards set by CAS (Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education)
- Extensive internship program
- Scholarship opportunities
- Financial aid is available
- No GMAT/GRE required

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What You'll Gain

- Knowledge of the psychological and cultural development of college students
- Skills to navigate research and evaluate programs geared toward college students
- Understanding of the theory, practice, and ethical standards of student development in higher education
- Ability to effectively communicate and work with individuals across diverse cultural, geographic, socio-economic, personal, and other backgrounds
- Knowledge of federal and state laws pertaining to student affairs/services and the responsible management of colleges and universities
- Real-world experience to develop and enhance your counseling and advising skills

> **My master's program has been a hugely transformative experience. I came into the program more timid but I am now completely confident in my leadership abilities. Through the coursework that combined interpersonal skills with all of the information needed to prepare you to become a higher education professional (from the history of higher education to current student development theories), I have felt prepared in all aspects of my current position in higher education. I was able to pull from all of the knowledge and theories I have learned in the program to enhance not only my work but also add suggestions to the existing programs and operations of my new office! It is frequently that I am able to notice how Central's higher ed program really does prepare its graduates to work in higher education, when working with graduate students and professionals from other programs.**
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> — *Samantha Kushel, G' 24*

Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
   - Three letters of recommendation
   - Essay (2-3 pages, double-spaced) describing:
     - Reasons for entering the student affairs/services profession
     - Experiences that influenced your decision
     - Personal characteristics you believe will contribute to your success as a student affairs/services practitioner
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (GPA of 2.70 or higher)
3. Interview

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Davidson Hall 116
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

NOTE: Because admission to the Master of Science in Counselor Education: Student Development in Higher Education is a highly competitive process, meeting the minimum graduate and program specific application criteria and requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

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ABOUT CENTRAL:
Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

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