CONSIDER A MASTER OF EDUCATION IN COLLEGE STUDENT PERSONNEL

CSP Mission

“The M.Ed. in College Student Personnel (CSP) has a strong focus on developing practitioner-scholars by integrating academic coursework and theoretical constructs with supervised professional experience. Our goal is to prepare learners to be competent student development specialists in all areas of university life and to cultivate practitioners who are committed to the growth and development of all students. In order to do this, we are dedicated to facilitating learning environments where students engage in acute dialogue, critically analyze scholarly content, and further develop their own identity.”

The CSP program core values and guiding principles are the same as those stated in the University’s mission statement.

CSP Vision

Completion of the M.Ed. in College Student Personnel will provide graduates with comprehensive knowledge and experiences with which to pursue professional employment within an institution of higher education and/or a doctoral degree in Higher Education/Student Affairs.

OUR STUDENTS

Most applicants have a traditional undergraduate background with leadership experience in co-curricular activities and organizations. Our nontraditional students tend to hold full-time positions at both two- and four-year institutions.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

• Applicants for the M.Ed. in CSP program must have an average G.P.A. of B or higher, as defined by the department in upper-level undergraduate courses in the major.
• Three recommendations from former instructors and/or supervisors, who are in a position to judge the applicant’s aptitude for graduate study.
• A recent resume or CV (optional)
• A statement of interest that includes the following content:
  • Discuss what it would mean to you to become a student affairs professional.
  • Describe your personal characteristics that prepare you to become an effective student affairs professional.
  • Present your career objectives and discuss how a degree in College Student Personnel will prepare you to meet these objectives.
• Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required.

CURRICULUM

The program leading to the M.Ed. in College Student Personnel requires 48 semester hours (39 core, 9 elective) of graduate study. Courses incorporate content that is appropriate for working in student services in a variety of two and four-year higher education settings. To view the listing of courses, visit csp.wcu.edu.

DEADLINES

The deadline for admittance into the CSP program is July 1. To be considered for funding (scholarships and graduate assistantships), a completed application must be received by March 1.

TRANSFER CREDIT INFORMATION

Upon approval of program advisor, up to six (6) semester hours of graduate credit with a grade of B or higher may be transferred from other regionally accredited graduate schools. There are limitations that apply. For further details, contact program advisor.