

# Student Development Administration



Student Development Administration graduates are prepared to meet the needs of changing college student populations. Our program provides students with practical experience in student affairs, develops cultural competence to foster diversity in two- or four-year college settings, and enhances leadership skills and values to promote equity and holistic development for students in higher education. The nationally recognized program accommodates full and part-time students.

## Program of Study

### Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.) (51 credits)

#### CORE REQUIREMENTS

##### 9 CREDITS

- EDUC 500 Introduction to Educational Research (3)
- EDUC 513 Adult Learning (3)
- EDUC 520 Social Justice in Professional Practice (3)

#### STUDENT DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

##### 36 CREDITS

- COUN Counseling course (3)
- EDAD 570 Leadership in Education I (3)
- EDAD 571 Leadership in Education II (3)
- EDUC 515 Multicultural Perspectives (3)
- SDAD 559 The American Community College (3)
- SDAD 564 Internship in Student Development Administration I (1)
- SDAD 565 Internship in Student Development Administration II (1)
- SDAD 566 Internship in Student Development Administration III (1)
- SDAD 575 Best Practices in Student Services (3)
- SDAD 576 Leadership and Governance in Post-Secondary Education (3)

- SDAD 577 Foundations of the Student Affairs Profession (3)
- SDAD 578 Student Development Theory, Research, and Practice (3)
- SDAD 579 Student Development Capstone Seminar (3)
- SDAD 580 Higher Education Law (3)

#### Students pursuing the M.A. are also required to take:

- SDAD 595 Student Development Graduate Projects (3)

#### ELECTIVES

##### 6 CREDITS (M.A.), 3 CREDITS

With faculty advisor approval, any SU graduate-level course can serve as an elective. Some examples include:

- AEDT 510 Course Design for Adult Learners (3)
- AEDT 563 Instructional Methods for Adult Learners (3)
- COUN 512 Lifespan Career Development (3)
- COUN 513 Counseling Diverse Populations (3)
- MBA 510 Leadership Skills and Team Development (4)
- SDAD 584 Comparative Educational and Social Policy (3) (Study Abroad Course)
- SDAD 585 Higher Education Finance (3)
- MGMT 575 Leading with Emotional Intelligence (3)
- STML 561 Transformational Leadership (3)

**NOTE:** Students must satisfactorily complete a portfolio based upon SDAD learning outcomes at the conclusion of the program.

## Graduate Assistantships

More than 35 graduate assistantships are available in a wide variety of Student Development and Academic Affairs departments at Seattle University as well as at colleges throughout the Puget Sound region. The application process for graduate assistantships is separate from the graduate admissions application with the same January 15 deadline for the upcoming academic year. For more information about graduate assistantships, visit [seattleu.edu/coe/SDA](http://seattleu.edu/coe/SDA).

## Internships

All students have the opportunity to participate in 300 hours of internship in the profession at Seattle University or at other colleges or universities in the Puget Sound region or during the summer in another part of the U.S., with a national professional association or at an international university. With faculty support, our alumni network and the annual SDA Internship Fair, students create their own internships to meet their areas of interest and serve particular needs of the internship site. This intentional dimension of our degree program contributes significantly to the nearly 100% career placement rate within three months of graduation.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited college or university.
- A 3.0 GPA earned in the last 90 quarter credits/60 semester credits of the baccalaureate degree and any post baccalaureate coursework (applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA must submit scores from the GRE exam, taken within the previous five years, directly from the scoring agency).
- Two recommendations from individuals familiar with applicant's ability to complete graduate-level study and perform as a professional, using the College of Education Recommendation Forms found in the application packet.
- Résumé.
- Two- to three-page autobiography showing evolution of career interests.
- College of Education Self-Assessment Form.
- If applying for a graduate assistantship, complete form located on the prospective student page of our website: [seattleu.edu/coe/SDA](http://seattleu.edu/coe/SDA).

## Application Procedures

- Obtain and complete an application packet from Graduate Admissions office or online at [seattleu.edu/graduate-admissions](http://seattleu.edu/graduate-admissions) and submit with the two recommendation forms and the application fee.
- **Apply by January 15 for both program admission AND the graduate assistantships. Most spaces for incoming students are filled by students who apply by this deadline.**
- Request official transcripts to be sent directly to Graduate Admissions from each college and university attended. If mailed to the applicant, transcripts must remain in sealed envelopes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM, VISIT [SEATTLEU.EDU/COE/SDA](http://SEATTLEU.EDU/COE/SDA) OR CALL 206.296.6170.

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