

## Master of Arts in COLLEGE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT and ADMINISTRATION

*The* Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration provides a combination of coursework and practical experiences that prepares students for careers in student affairs and other student services at both two- and four-year institutions. The faculty and students are committed to creating a strong intellectual community that consistently ties theory to practice within the classroom and through real world experiences.

Shepherd University's intimate size provides unique small school experiences for students in the CSDA program. With many institutions around the country and world similar in size to Shepherd, this program provides a distinct advantage for the student who wishes to work in a small school setting.

The Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration is a 36-credit hour program for those who have completed a bachelor's degree and are interested in pursuing or advancing a career in student affairs or enrollment management.

The CSDA program, working cooperatively with various departments on campus, has committed to the practical experience of full-time students by currently offering graduate assistantships in Academic Advising, Career Services, Community Service and Service Learning, Student Conduct, Disability Support Services, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Multicultural Student Affairs, Residence Life, Student Activities and Leadership, Student Union, and TRiO Student Support Services. (Opportunities subject to change.)

Students can also explore other financial options by visiting [www.shepherd.edu/financialaid](http://www.shepherd.edu/financialaid).

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## ■ Honor Societies and Professional Activities

CSDA students with requisite graduate school GPAs and other requirements are eligible for Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Chi Sigma Alpha Student Affairs Honor Society.

Shepherd CSDA students have been selected to participate in internships, elected to offices, and presented programs at the following national and regional associations: ACPA-College Student Educators International, NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, Association of College Unions International, National Association for Campus Activities, and Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers.

Many students opt for a study abroad experience to enhance their master's experience. Study abroad can serve as an elective in the program if pre-approved by the program coordinator.

## ■ Curriculum for a Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration

### Required courses, 30 Hours:

- CSDA 501 - Introduction to College Student Personnel (3 cr)
- CSDA 515 - Higher Education Administration and Legal Accountability (3 cr)
- CSDA 525 - Evaluation and Assessment Techniques (3 cr)
- CSDA 550 - Student Development Theory (3 cr)
- CSDA 551 - Social Justice Issues in Higher Education (3 cr)
- CSDA 570 - Helping and Advising (3 cr)
- CSDA 613 - The Higher Education Student (3 cr)
- CSDA 678 - CSDA Capstone (3 cr)
- CSDA 598 - Practicum (3 cr) (must complete two)

### Elective courses, 6 Hours:

- CSDA 531 - Student Leadership Development in College (3 cr)
- CSDA 599 - Special Topics: CSDA (1-4 cr; 9 cr maximum)
- CSDA 611 - Women in Higher Education (3 cr)
- CSDA 612 - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues in Higher Education (3 cr)
- CSDA 699 - Special Topics: CSDA (1-4 cr; 9 cr maximum)



## About Shepherd University

Shepherd University, a West Virginia public liberal arts university, is located near Harpers Ferry National Park and Antietam National Battlefield, a region rich in history. It is a diverse community of learners and a gateway to the world of opportunities and ideas. We are the regional center for academic, cultural, and economic opportunity, only 90 minutes away from the Washington-Baltimore area. Our mission of service succeeds because we are dedicated to our core values: learning, engagement, integrity, accessibility, and community.

## ■ Admission Requirements

- Entrants must have completed a bachelor's degree with a 2.75 GPA in all undergraduate coursework.
- CSDA students must complete one essay question: What do you hope to do with a master's in College Student Development and Administration? (Max 500 words)
- Writing sample: 5-7 pages of a previously written research paper OR submit a 5-7 page research paper discussing a current trend in higher education.
- Reference letter from a faculty member answering the question: How is this student prepared for the rigor of graduate school, specifically addressing oral and written communication skills? (Optional)
- Students who do not meet all of the requirements may be considered for conditional admission.

### Deadlines:

**February 15:** For fall applicants seeking to participate in assistantship interview process.

**July 31:** For fall applicants.

**November 15:** For spring applicants.

Application available at [www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies/apply](http://www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies/apply).

