Counselor Education Department Graduate Programs

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Student Affairs Professional Practice Program

SUNY Plattsburgh’s program in Student Affairs Professional Practice (SAPP) is designed to provide candidates with the knowledge, skills, experience, and credentials to pursue successful careers as student affairs professionals on college and university campuses. The program provides instruction, seminars, internships and clinical supervision to prepare graduates to join the ranks of professionals in their field. The SAPP Program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Upon successful completion of the M.S. in College and Agency Counseling, students are eligible to sit for the National Counselor Exam (NCE).

The Counselor Education Department is committed to fostering an atmosphere promoting diversity, pluralism, and inclusion. We further affirm the right of each person to pursue a program in counseling based solely upon the candidate’s ability without prejudice regarding race, age, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, or disability.

Specialized Courses

Along with courses taken by all counseling program candidates, those who choose the Student Affairs Professional Practice Program take specialized courses, including the following:

CLG506 - Student Affairs Practice
History, philosophy, services, issues, and functions of student affairs practice in higher education settings.

CLG522 - College Students and Environments
College students’ attitudes, characteristics, developmental processes, needs, and issues affecting development and functioning. Environmental considerations and impact; models for successful learning environments.

CLG535 - Facilitating College Student Development
Application of college student development principles in undergraduate learning environments.

CLG542 - Internship: Student Affairs Counseling
Practical applications of the theories and techniques of student affairs counseling emphasizing the development of proficiency in the counseling process obtained through practice under supervision.

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M.S. to C.A.S. Option in School Counselor

This unique option permits the candidate to qualify for a professional specialization in Students Affairs Professional Practice, and upon completion of the M.S., pursue a Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S) in School Counselor and become eligible for certification as a New York State School Counselor.

In the final semester of the 48 credit hour Masters program, the candidate applies to the School Counselor Program and, upon acceptance, proceeds to qualify for a CAS in School Counselor.

Financial Aid

Several forms of financial aid—including the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for New York State residents, Federal Direct Loans, and college work-study awards—are available to qualified graduate students. The college also offers a limited number of scholarships and assistantships. Access the following webpage for more information on graduate assistantships: www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/graduate/assistantships/.

Part-time employment opportunities in counseling-related areas exist on campus and in the community. The graduate catalog and application packet have further information about financial aid. For information, email finaid@plattsburgh.edu.

Comments from Candidates

“My degree in Counselor Education—Student Affairs runs parallel with my experiences as the graduate assistant in the Center for Leadership and Development. The Department, both faculty and students, is a family. The sense of community is great to have as a support mechanism. I encourage people to investigate what we’re about.” —Michael Cashman

“I have learned so much in just one semester in the Counselor Education program! Not only am I gaining knowledge and skills in the classroom to become a competent counselor, but I am also receiving first-hand experience on campus with Student Affairs professionals. I have confidence that the education I am receiving from Plattsburgh State, and particularly from the faculty in the Counselor Education Department, is preparing me well for a successful career as a professional counselor when I leave here.” —Alyssa Amyotte

About SUNY Plattsburgh

High teaching standards, strong faculty involvement with students, and challenging scholarship combine in a safe community environment with great scenic beauty. The college is located in a small city that is situated on the shores of Lake Champlain.