

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Science degree in College Student Development and Counseling at Northeastern University is dedicated to developing future leaders in the field of higher education administration and student affairs. Our philosophy is embedded in courses and programs that foster leadership potential, pay respect to individual development, value diversity and human dignity, and serve to support the academic experience of college students.

In accordance with the accreditation process of the American College Personnel Association, the two-year academic curriculum is intentionally designed to develop a strong knowledge base in counseling, student development theory, group dynamics and leadership, higher education and student affairs administration, and program assessment. Additionally, a year-long practicum experience provides students an opportunity to apply administrative, counseling, and student development theories in a practical setting.

In an economy that increasingly demands higher levels of skill-based education, project orientation, and critical thinking, it is no longer feasible for graduate programs to focus solely on the administrative aspects of higher education and student affairs practice. The comprehensive nature of College Student Development and Counseling Program at Northeastern University prepares students to meet the administrative demands of a skill-based workforce while utilizing a counseling perspective.

## THE COLLEGE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND COUNSELING ALUMNI NETWORK

Since admitting our first class in 1968, the College Student Development and Counseling Program at Northeastern University has produced stellar graduates employed at all levels of administration in higher education. Alumni of the College Student Development and Counseling program hold many titles in institutions of higher education including: Counselor, Coordinator, Director, Dean and Vice-President. Our graduates are successfully employed throughout New England and across the United States. For an updated listing of alumni events and the alumni directory, please visit: [www.csdcc.neu.edu](http://www.csdcc.neu.edu).



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A Comprehensive  
Approach to Student  
Affairs Administration



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### COLLEGE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND COUNSELING CURRICULUM

The Curriculum of 42 credits includes a yearlong Practicum Seminar and multiple elective choices.

ACADEMIC CORE	(semester hours)
Introduction to College Student Development	3
Planning and Administration in Student Affairs	3
Law and Ethics in Higher Education	3
Financial Issues in Higher Education	3
Introduction to Counseling Theory and Practice	3
Group Dynamics and Leadership	3
Understanding Culture and Diversity	3
Vocational, Education, and Career Development	3
Research, Evaluation, and Data Analysis	3
Evaluation and Outcomes Assessment	3
Advisor Approved Electives	6
<b>PRACTICUM</b>	
Practicum Seminar	6

The practicum experience consists of two consecutive courses taken across an academic year combined with 300 hours of practical work experience. Students typically spend 10 hours per week working at a local college or university in a student affairs setting. The weekly academic course component focuses on leadership, communication and the organization of higher education.

**Total Semester Hours** 42

#### TYPICAL CAREERS INCLUDE:

- Admissions
- Academic Advising
- Career Services
- Judicial Affairs
- Financial Aid
- Greek Life
- Orientation
- Recreational Sports
- Multicultural Affairs
- Residence Life
- International Student Services
- Student Activities

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The College Student Development and Counseling program is part of the Bouve College of Health Sciences. The Admissions Office is located in 123 Behrakis Hall. Correspondence with the Admissions Office should be directed to:

Graduate Admissions  
Bouve College of Health Sciences  
Northeastern University  
123 Behrakis Building tel: 617.373.2708  
10 Leon Street fax: 617.373.4701  
Boston MA 02115 tty: 617.373.7623

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants to the College Student Development and Counseling program arrive at Northeastern with a variety of academic backgrounds and life experiences. Past academic areas included psychology, education, and human services. Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree. The application process has rolling admission although most full-time students begin the program in the fall. However, completed applications should be in one month before the intended semester of entrance. The program is usually completed in two years with full-time attendance. The admissions process itself includes the following:

- Application and Data Processing Sheet  
<http://www.bouve.neu.edu/programs/counsel/collegedev.php>
- Application Fee
- Personal Statement
- Official Transcripts
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- GRE or MAT Scores

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Many applicants rely on financial assistance to attend the College Student Development and Counseling Program at Northeastern University. The Graduate School Financial Aid Office is located in Richards Hall. Correspondence should be sent to the following address:

Graduate School Financial Aid Office  
Northeastern University tel: 617.373.5899  
360 Huntington Ave fax: 617.373.5666  
Boston MA 02115 tty: 617.272.5714

<http://www.financialaid.neu.edu/home.php>

The first step in applying for financial aid at Northeastern is completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The priority deadline for filing for financial aid is January 15. The school code for Northeastern University is 002199. Be sure to include this on your application if you want Northeastern to receive your information.

### ASSISTANTSHIPS

Not to be confused with the practicum experience, an assistantship helps in financing graduate study while also providing important practical knowledge. In return for financial assistance, students work a set number of hours in various functional areas of student affairs. Multiple assistantships are available at Northeastern University and at local colleges in the following functional areas: academic advising, admissions, residence life, student activities and cultural programming, international student services, and career services. Although abundant, assistantships are competitive and therefore early application to the program is recommended. The total financial benefit of an assistantship varies as some include tuition assistance as well as room and board. For a listing of assistantship opportunities, please visit: [www.csd.c.neu.edu](http://www.csd.c.neu.edu).

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