

MASTER OF SCIENCE

COLLEGE STUDENT PERSONNEL

The Master of Science in College Student Personnel is a two-year, practitioner-oriented program, philosophically based in college student development and university administration. It is designed to prepare thoughtful, compassionate, first-line student and university service administrators armed with the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed to begin or enhance a career in the variety of settings in which such services are needed. The goals of the College Student Personnel (CSP) program include:

1. Demonstrating mastery and application of foundational and professional studies in College Student Personnel.
2. Demonstrating professional behavior in carrying out student services work.

Students are eligible to apply for unconditional admission to the Master of Science degree program in College Student Personnel if they meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must meet the admission requirements for Graduate College.
2. Applicants must have previous experience in some area of student leadership or student services.
3. Applicants must submit three letters of reference from faculty or staff at an educational institution who can attest to the candidate's ability to work with students.
4. If the applicant's undergraduate grade point average is less than 2.5 they must submit recent (within the last 5 years), acceptable scores (to be determined by the faculty) of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT).
5. Applicants must submit an essay that elucidates the requisite previous experiences and the applicant's commitment to student personnel as a career path. The review of the essay will include a focus on both content and the applicant's ability to write clearly and concisely.

Applicants who fail to meet all of the departmental requirements may be accepted conditionally provided the deficiencies are completed prior to the completion of twelve semester hours of graduate work.

Applicants who fail to meet the grade point requirement specified for unconditional admission may be admitted conditionally to enroll for a maximum of twelve semester hours. If a student was admitted conditionally based on grade point average, the condition will be met if upon completion of twelve semester hours a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better is achieved.

The director of the program will assign a faculty advisor to each student admitted to the degree program. The advisor will assist the student in the design of a curriculum of study that leads to the fulfillment of degree requirements. Subsequently, the academic advisor, the Department Graduate Committee, and the Graduate College monitor the student's progress as they progress through the

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Unconditional Admission

Conditional Admission

Academic Advisors

program. It remains, however, the student's responsibility to understand and to satisfy all degree requirements.

Admission to Candidacy

Students are eligible for admission to candidacy for the degree upon the completion of twelve hours with a 3.00 grade point average or better and completion of all deficiencies. Students who do not submit an "Application for Admission to Candidacy" prior to the end of the semester in which the student becomes eligible will not be allowed to register for subsequent graduate classes.

Degree Requirements

1. The completion of a minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate work including the following courses:

Required Core Courses (30 Hours)

Foundation Course (3 hours):

CSP 6023 Introduction to College Student Personnel Work

Professional Studies (21 hours):

CSP 6033 Theory and Practice in College Student Personnel

CSP 6043 American College Student

CSP 6053 Legal Issues for Professionals in College Student Personnel

CSP 6073 Counseling with College Students

CSP 6113 Research Design and Analysis

CSP 6123 Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education

CSP 6143 Administration in College Student Personnel

Supervised Practice (6 hours):

CSP 6083 Practicum 1 in College Student Personnel

CSP 6063 Special Topics: College Student Personnel Capstone Seminar

Elective Courses (6 Hours Required):

CSP 6013 American Higher Education in Transition

CSP 6093 Practicum 2 in College Student Personnel

CSP 6133 Ethical Leadership in Higher Education

CSP 6881-3 Special Problem (Workshop) in College Student Personnel

CSP 6191-6 Thesis in College Student Personnel

2. A thesis option is available for those students planning to pursue further graduate study. The thesis option must be approved by the Program Director. Students completing the thesis would take 6 credits of CSP 6191-6: Thesis in College Student Personnel in the place of 6 credits of electives.
3. A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 in all graduate courses completed at Arkansas Tech University with a maximum of 6 hours of "C" Grades.
4. A minimum of 27 hours of graduate course work completed at Arkansas Tech University.
5. Successful completion of the comprehensive examination. Comprehensive examination policies are available from the program director.
6. Completion of all degree requirements within six years from the time of unconditional or conditional admission into the program.

A maximum of nine semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of "B" or better may be transferred from an accredited graduate school if deemed appropriate to the graduate program by the head of the student's major department and the Dean of Graduate College. Students must send a written request to the head of their major department to petition an acceptance of the transfer credit prior to requesting admission to candidacy to the graduate program. Graduate credit earned six years prior to the completion date of all degree requirements may not be applied toward the degree without the approval of the appropriate program director and the Dean of Graduate College. Credits earned by correspondence courses or for remedial purposes will not apply toward the graduate degree. No undergraduate course may be repeated for graduate credit.

If after admission to graduate study, a student wishes to take a course at another institution to count toward degree requirements at Arkansas Tech University, the student must (in advance of enrollment) obtain written approval from the program director and the Dean of Graduate College.

Special Conditions of Graduate Credit Graduate Credit Taken Prior to Admission to Arkansas Tech University

Graduate Credit Taken After Admission to Arkansas Tech University