

Arkansas Tech University's
Student Affairs
Administration

Master's Program
Overview

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Welcome to the SAA Program

Meet the Faculty



Dr. Sarah Gordon
Interim Department
Head & Associate
Professor



Dr. Susan Underwood
Professor



Dr. Christine Austin
Professor



Dr. Rene Couture
Associate
Professor and
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Director



Dr. Dana Tribble
Assistant Professor

*Learn more about the people who teach
and support the program at*
<http://www.atu.edu/csp>

Graduate Education



...is focused on major

In our case, Student Development in the higher education setting.

...requires more independent study

Student is more responsible for learning.

...offers an integrated program of study

All courses are related.

...puts “theory into practice”

Theories, research, etc. are taught and students apply the information to the college work environment.

ATU's SAA Department

...offers challenge and support

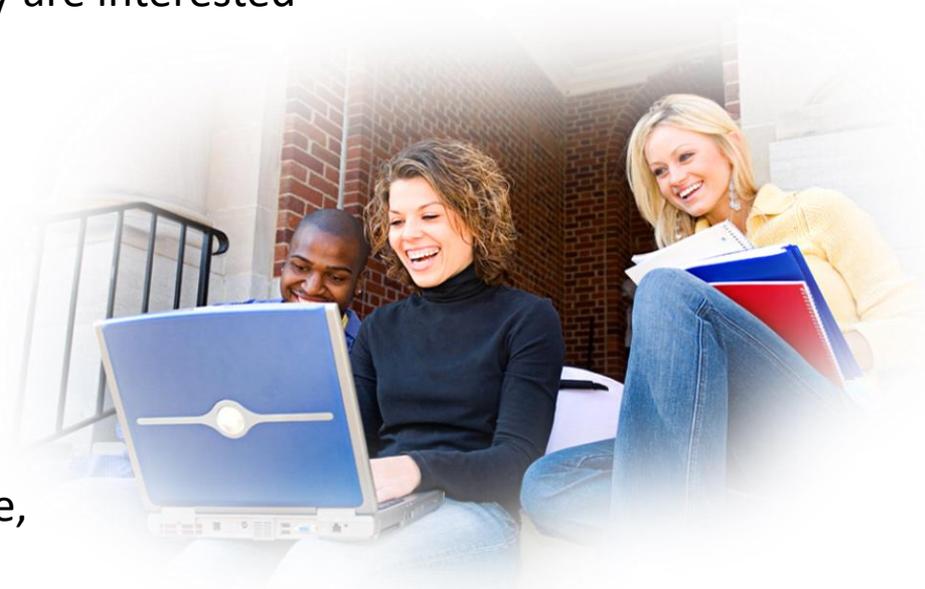
Material is challenging, but the faculty are interested in assisting students to do well.

...offers real world instruction

Faculty will provide case studies and illustrations that are based on their experiences.

...is standardized and variable

Faculty will use the same grading scale, but class assignments, evaluation and class structure will vary.



Accreditation

- Regional Accreditation
Higher Learning Commission (HLC)

- CAS Standards
*Council for the Advancement of
Standards in Higher Education*



Program Requirements

Completion of a minimum of 36 Semester hours

Required Core Courses (30 hours)

Foundation Course (3 hours)

CSP 6023 Introduction to College Student Personnel (FA, SP, & SU)

Professional Studies (21 hours)

CSP 6033 Student Development Theory (SP)

CSP 6043 College Student and Subcultures (FA & SU)

CSP 6053 Legal Issues in College Student Personnel (FA & SP)

CSP 6073 *Counseling Theories & Helping Skills (SP, SU, & FA)

CSP 6113 Research Design and Analysis (SP)

CSP 6123 Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education (FA & SU)

CSP 6143 Administration in College Student Personnel (FA & SU)

Continued

Program Requirements (Cont)

Supervised Practice (6 hours)

CSP 6083 * Practicum I in CSP (FA, SP, & SU)

CSP 6063 CSP Capstone Seminar (FA, & SP)

Elective Courses (6 hours Required)

CSP 6093 * Practicum II in CSP (Variable)

CSP 6153 * Advising Student Groups (SP & SU)

CSP 6163 * Academic Advising (SP & SU)

CSP 6173 * Career Advising (SU & FA)

CSP 6883 Special Problems (Workshop) in CSP (SP & SU)

CSP 6213 Diversity & Inclusion in Student Affairs (FA)

CSP 6283 * Advising Practicum (SP, SU, & FA)

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ADVISING

***Courses on previous page required for Advising Certificate**

Students admitted into the SAA Master's program may also "add on" the advising certificate to their SAA master's degree and work toward earning the certificate simultaneously with the MS degree in SAA. Students wanting both the master's degree and the certificate at the same time will complete 39 hours in SAA graduate courses.

Additional Degree Requirements

- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 in all graduate courses.
- A maximum of 6 hours (2 classes) of “C” grades.
- A minimum of 27 hours of graduate course work completed at Arkansas Tech University.
- Successful completion of a comprehensive exam.
- Completion of all degree requirements within six years of admission to the program.

Practicums

One Practicum is required (worth 3 credits).

Ideally taken at mid-point in the degree plan.

Students not currently working in higher education will be required to take a second practicum so they gain more practical work experience.

Requires 100 clock hours of work

For more information on practicums visit

<http://www.atu.edu/csp/Practicum.php>

Capstone Course

Taken at End of Program

The course objectives:

- ✓ Help student integrate program material.
- ✓ To prepare students for the comprehensive exam.
- ✓ To allow students to demonstrate their ability to apply prior coursework to a “real world” case.
- ✓ To prepare students for the job search.



Comprehensive Exam

All students must pass the departmental written comprehensive examination as a requirement for the degree.

The academic advisor will determine when a student is eligible to take the exam – typically the last full semester students are enrolled.

The exam will be completed online using Blackboard.



SAA Admission

- Rolling Admission
 - Application materials accepted throughout year
 - Students may begin Fall, Spring, or Summer
- Program – Available totally Online and On Campus
- Up to 9 graduate credits may be transferred
- Unconditional admission requires 2.7 undergraduate GPA
- Limited Number of Graduate Assistantships Available

Admission Requirements

- ✓ Online Application and Application fee
- ✓ Writing Sample: Consists of responses to 3 short-answer questions, located on the departmental web-site under “prospective students”
- ✓ 2 Letters of Recommendation, addressing your ability to work with college students
- ✓ Current Resume, highlighting your co-curricular or student affairs experiences
- ✓ Official Transcripts
Documenting Undergraduate Degree
- ✓ Immunization Records—Face to Face students only as required by state law.

Graduate Advisor

You will be assigned a faculty advisor shortly after being admitted.

You will need to make contact with your advisor prior to registering each semester.

If you do not know or forget who your advisor is, you may call the SAA Department (479) 964-3251.



Thank you for your interest in the Student
Affairs Administration degree.

Please let us know how we can assist you.



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