The Master of Education in Postsecondary Administration and Student Affairs (PASA) will prepare you for a variety of professional roles in higher education administration and student affairs — including but not limited to academic advising, residential life, student advocacy, campus activities and athletic programs. You will also learn how to address inequities and effect change, ensure that student voices are heard and help students realize their full potential.

Through a combination of coursework, supervised fieldwork and either the master’s seminar or thesis option, you will acquire the knowledge, skills and perspectives essential for successful careers in a range of higher education settings. Graduates from this program typically work at two- or four-year institutions, public research universities, private liberal arts colleges, graduate and professional schools and for-profit institutions.

Both full-time and part-time options are available.
GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE
The PASA program’s 210 hours of fieldwork will help you connect theory to practice under the supervision of a seasoned higher education professional. You will gain invaluable practical experience that strengthens your professional philosophy and abilities. Through the master’s seminar or thesis, you will further integrate learning from throughout the curriculum for a summative, reflective and forward-looking experience that will prepare you to enter postsecondary administration.

STATES WHERE PASA ALUMNI WORK
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INSTITUTIONS EMPLOYING PASA GRADUATES
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- The Counseling Process*
- Academic Advising in Postsecondary Education*
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MINIMUM UNITS
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