



COLLEGE STUDENT AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The College of Education offers a Master's of Education (M.Ed.) in Higher Education with an emphasis in College Student Affairs Leadership (CSAL).

The curriculum offered within the Educational Leadership and Counseling department is designed to develop professionals who have strong backgrounds in educational theory and research, traditional and post-traditional college students, and the role of student affairs in institutions of higher education. The CSAL program prepares students to become effective practitioner educators who pursue various administrative roles in higher education contexts, facilitate student learning and promote student success, and shape inclusive higher education communities.

Grand Valley State University offers numerous opportunities for CSAL students to put theory-to-practice through graduate assistantships and internship experiences.

Program Features:

- 42 Credits
- Cohort model (typically 25-30 students)
- Theory-to-practice
- 2 practicum requirements
- Graduate thesis or project
- Combination of in-person, online, and hybrid courses

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Applicants must first complete the Graduate Program Application, which is located under the "Apply" tab on the GVSU Admissions website (www.gvsu.edu/admissions)

Requirements:

- \$30 nonrefundable application fee
- Official copies of transcripts from all previously attended institutions of higher education
- Three letters of recommendation

Once admitted into the College Student Affairs Leadership (CSAL) program, students will be invited to complete the CSAL graduate assistantships. Both processes must be completed in order to be eligible for CSAL graduate assistantships.

WEBINARS

CSAL Informational Webinars are available to prospective students interested in gaining more information about the College Student Affairs Leadership Program at Grand Valley State University. Live webinars are conducted in real-time and last about an hour, allowing session facilitators to present related information and interact with attendees.

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CURRICULUM (42 CREDITS)

EDH 647 - Theories of College Student Development
EDH 651 - Higher Education and Student Affairs Functions
EDH 652 - The American College Student
EDH 653 - Administration of Student Affairs Programs
EDH 654 - Student Affairs Administrations and the Law
EDH 655 - Intervention Strategies for Student Development
EDH 660 - Educational Inquiry and Evaluation
EDH 680 - Professional Seminar in Higher Education and Student Affairs
EDH 685 - Practicum/Graduate Field Experience 1
EDH 686 - CSAL Practicum/Graduate Field Experience 2
EDH 693 - Master's Project or EDH 695 - Master's Thesis
3 electives of your choice

Practicum:

These are field-based experiences designed to allow students to pursue specialized areas of interest. Each practicum will consist of 150 hours of practice within the internship or placement site. A required component related to the practicum is a seminar that helps students apply theory to practice.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

A graduate assistantship is a work opportunity that programs and units at Grand Valley State University offer to graduate students. The benefits of a graduate assistantship include:

- 20-hour per week on campus or in the field
- Tuition assistance in the form of a tuition waiver
- A bi-weekly stipend over a semester or academic year
- Paid student parking during the term of their assistantship
- Experience within their field of study
- Opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge in a professional setting

To learn more about assistantships, please visit:

<https://www.gvsu.edu/csdl/graduate-assistantships-37.htm>

VISITATION DAYS

CSAL Visitation Days is a 2-day virtual event that is held in association with the College Student Affairs Leadership (CSAL) program.

The agenda includes information about both the academic program and graduate assistantships. Time is also provided for candidates to attend a current graduate assistants discussion panel in order to hear first-hand about their experiences in the program and at Grand Valley. Job interviews for graduate assistantships are scheduled with departments that have openings for the upcoming academic year.

Invitations to attend CSAL Visitation Days will be sent out after January 15th. Instructions for selecting interviews, signing up for housing, and a complete schedule will be included in the invitation.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- CSAL Graduate Assistant Application
Deadline: November 15, 2023 - January 15, 2024
- Visitation Days: February 15 & 16, 2024
- Informational Webinars: September 28, 2023 12-1 PM (EST), October 18, 2023 12-1 PM (EST), November 1, 2023 12-1 PM (EST)

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