STUDENT LIFE & DEVELOPMENT

M.S.Ed. University of Miami



We impart understanding of diverse college students, their families, communities and issues through thoughtful study and hands-on experiences. You'll also acquire tools for becoming a good listener, communicator and fact-based decision maker.

Develop Strategy. Versatility. Confidence.

Our faculty of scholars and top administrators are from the School of Education & Human Development and divisions of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. They instill command of the theory, research, applications to practice and higher education foundations needed by an effective manager *or* a Ph.D. candidate. In addition:

- We examine how college affects undergraduate students, from psychosocial, cognitive, moral, self-efficacy and other perspectives, as well as how student affairs divisions are effectively managed;
- Also emphasized are strategic enrollment management, the structure and history of higher education, and counseling skills.

In our required student affairs practicum, students delve into front-line experiences in administrative offices on and off campus, creating intensive journals and written and oral presentations to summarize learning and insight.

Among the results for our graduates:

- 100% have careers in higher education or are in doctoral programs the semester after earning the M.S.Ed.;
- The average time to degree is a little more than 2 years;
- A great majority in 2012-2017 said the program provided gains in in-depth knowledge (96%); skills, including research ability (86%), writing, speaking and presenting effectively (97%); and built confidence (96%).

"The program prepared me for a successful career in student affairs, and now academic affairs. I learned how to translate theory into practice with today's students, plan programs, and promote multiculturalism. And the practicum helped me get my first fulltime job post-master's."

- -- Teerenai Ovathanasin, M.S.Ed., Executive Director, Academic Operations, Florida Atlantic University/Jupiter
- "The program's greatest strength is combining student affairs and enrollment management perspectives. And I had the flexibility to continue working full time, faculty were so supportive."
- -- Christian Martell, Ph.D. student, University of Michigan

Application Information

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Meet Our Program Director

Carol-Anne Phekoo, Ph.D., is the talented professor and guide for all 3 tracks in the Higher Education Administration Program, which she helped found. Her focus is college student development, and she loves answering questions about the program and helping students navigate their majors.

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