

Pikes Peak State College TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) – Graduate Practicum Opportunity

Overview: Pikes Peak State College invites graduate students in the Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE) Master's Program to apply for a meaningful practicum experience with our federally funded TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program. This hands-on opportunity will immerse students in high-impact practices that support first-generation and low-income college students in achieving academic and career success.

Educational Objectives: This practicum is designed to provide graduate students with real-world exposure to:

- Success coaching and academic/career advising
- Program assessment, data tracking, and reporting
- Grant management and compliance
- Retention-focused student support strategies
- Campus-wide collaborations and student engagement efforts

Learning Outcomes: By the end of the practicum, students will:

- Gain leadership experience in a federally funded student support program
- Develop cultural competence working with first-generation and low-income students
- Strengthening advising, mentoring, and coaching skills
- Understand the structure, goals, and regulations of a federal TRIO grant

Learning Activities May Include:

- Supporting the coordination of university transfer visits and outreach events
- Participating in success advising and mentoring undergraduate students
- Leading or co-facilitating workshops (e.g., time management, financial literacy, transfer planning)
- Assisting with scholarship search and application support for students
- Contributing to student tracking, data collection, and program evaluation
- Collaborating with staff on campus tours and community partnerships

Supervision & Support: The practicum student will report to the Director of TRIO SSS and work closely with our full-time Coordinator and Student Success Advisors. Ongoing mentorship and regular check-ins will be provided to support growth and reflection.

Practicum Term, Dates, and Commitment:

- Duration: One semester (Fall or Spring)
- Hours: Flexible scheduling; must complete a minimum of 100 hours over the term
- Location: Pikes Peak State College – Centennial Campus, with some remote opportunities

Qualifications:

- Must be enrolled in the SAHE Master's Program (or other graduate program in the UCCS College of Education)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Strong interest in supporting student success and working with diverse student populations
- Positive attitude, strong communication skills, and a collaborative mindset

To Apply: Email your resume and college transcript to: **Laura Mullane**

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Interested applicants are encouraged to schedule an informational interview prior to placement.