

Colorado College, Collaborative for Community Engagement (CCE)

Graduate Practicum Experience

CCE Mission: In collaboration with faculty, staff, and communities beyond the campus, the CCE co-creates community-engaged learning experiences to develop students into engaged citizens who invest their liberal arts education in the public good.

Educational Objectives: To provide graduate students with practical experiences and insight into the field of civic engagement in a residential liberal arts environment. Emphasis will be placed on developing skills and experience in institutional knowledge that actively promotes civic leadership and strong community partnerships.

This opportunity seeks to cultivate the following NASPA competencies:

1. Leadership – gain experience in leading and fostering the development of leadership in others, defining leadership as agency in the process of individuals working together to envision, plan, and affect change in organizations
2. Social Justice and Inclusion – gain understanding of, and experience raising social consciousness of, oppression, privilege, and power; develop a sense of agency and social responsibility in yourself and others that includes others, community, and the larger global context.
3. Student Learning and Development – develop critical understanding of learning and development theories and their use in learning outcomes and educational programming.

Specific Responsibilities: This graduate practicum experience will primarily support the CCE's student engagement programs such as Community Engaged Scholars and student organizations advised by the CCE. The Community Engaged Scholars program develops and supports students' commitment to and capacity for sustained, informed, and deliberate community engagement. This experience would also support the Student Engagement Coordinator who advises 17 active student organizations that are engaging in community work off campus. General responsibilities for this practicum experience might include:

- Holding advising appointments for Community Engaged Scholars
- Site visits to student organization community partner sites
- Event planning
- Engagement hour tracking/accountability
- Recruitment & orientation for Community Engaged Scholars
- Support in establishing or updating policies and procedures for Community Engaged Scholars
- Assisting with other duties that contribute to the development of student engagement programs as a whole

Appointment Length, Dates, and Hours: This internship can be a semester or academic year long experience, part time (5 hours/week) paid (\$17/hr) opportunity that will last from August 28th, 2024 - May 15th, 2025. The CCE will work with the graduate student to determine a schedule that meets the needs of the CCE, availability of the student, and expectations of the internship. In-person office hours required at the CCE office (1008 N Weber St.), with flexibility of some remote work.

Note that CC operates on the block schedule in which students take one course at time for 3.5 weeks and are in class from 9a-12p Monday through Friday. Intern team meetings are scheduled to take place before class at 7:45am on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays. All other student meetings and programs take place between 12-5p. Some evening hours may be possible.

Supervision: This position will report to the Student Engagement Coordinator in the Collaborative for Community Engagement, Sarah Elsey. This position will receive additional mentorship, support, and collaboration from the full CCE team.

Qualifications:

Required: current graduate student in the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS) Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE) program; strong commitment to working for the public good; interest in or knowledge of the liberal arts college experience; excellent collaboration skills; ability to work autonomously and self-directed, and take initiative; strong interpersonal and group facilitation skills; strong oral and written communication skills; ability to think critically and solve problems; strong organizational skills and attention to detail

Preferred: civic engagement experience; experience working in or with a community-based organization; nuanced understanding of the purpose of community-engaged work; knowledge of principles of student and leadership development; knowledge of best practices of community engagement; event planning skills.

To Apply: Send a resume and cover letter to Sarah Elsey (selsey@coloradocollege.edu)