



FYE Graduate Student Practicum Experience Position Description

Educational Objectives:

To provide the graduate student with practical experiences working with first year students through the Office of First Year Experience at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. Emphasis will be in the area of practical helping skills. The Practicum Student will work with students and the department, focusing on skill development in the following areas: creating and maintaining rapport and boundaries in the helping relationship; supporting students in identifying and meeting their goals; understanding and applying college student development theory in practice; addressing multicultural considerations; engaging in reflection and feedback to develop awareness of strengths, growth areas, and personal helping style; providing transitional support; and connecting students to resources on campus and encouraging their own navigation of services.

Using the learning contract, along with their immediate supervisor, the Practicum Student will design and plan structured strategies which will result in building these essential student affairs competencies (referenced from ACPA).

- Advising and Supporting
- Assessment, Evaluation, Research
- Values, Philosophy, and History
- Law, Policy, and Governance
- Leadership
- Organizational and Human Resources
- Personal and Ethical Foundations
- Social Justice and Inclusion
- Student Learning and Development
- Technology

Specific Responsibilities:

Meet individually with college students to address academic, career, and personal goals.

Supervision:

A Success Coach in the Office of First Year Experience will provide supervision, advising, and training. Some activities will involve direct supervision, while others will require independent work. A learning contract will be developed with your supervisor. At the end of the semester, a review of competency development will occur. ***If you have a concern about a student, a personal issue, or colleague, please reach out to your supervisor. In case of a crisis, please contact Public Safety, Dean of Students, Counseling Services, or your direct Supervisor.

Appointment Length, Dates, and Hours:

One semester, over 100 practicum hours, set by the Student Affairs in Higher Education Graduate Program.

Qualifications:

- Must be a student in the Student Affairs in Higher Education Graduate Program.
- Must have a 3.0 or higher GPA.
- Must have successfully completed both the "Counseling and Student Development Theories (LEAD 5260)" course AND "Counseling and Helping Skills in Higher Education (LEAD 5210)" course.

To Apply:

Set up an informational interview with Ellen Burkart by calling 719-255-3570.