



**SAHE Practicum Experience:
UCCS *First2Go* Program
Graduate Student Practicum Experience**

Educational Objectives:

To provide the graduate student with practical experience in working with first-generation and first-year university students, as well as assisting in coordinating programs to support students and families. The graduate student will be working within the UCCS Office of First Year Experience, focusing particularly on the *First2Go* program which serves first-generation students. The practicum student will develop skills in outreach and communication; build meaningful, supportive relationships with students and families; address access, belonging, equity, inclusivity and diversity; understand and apply student development theory in practice; build administrative and coordination skills through assistance in program events; develop program plans and learning outcomes for events; track and gather data on student engagement; reflect on and develop awareness of strengths, growth areas, and personal helping style; and connect students to resources on campus and encourage their own navigation of services.

The practicum student will develop skills within these essential student affairs competencies.

Reference: www.naspa.org/images/uploads/main/acpa_naspa_professional_competencies_final.pdf

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

Specific Responsibilities:

Conduct outreach and communication with students and families. Meet individually with first-generation college students to address academic and personal goals. Develop and coordinate program events and activities. Assess program events and engagement.

Supervision:

Graduate students will obtain supervision, advising, and training within the Office of First Year Experience through the Director, First Year Experience Coordinator, or through mentorship and partnerships with other student staff within the office. 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.

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
- Preference for student from a first-generation background

To Apply:

Submit PDF resume and PDF cover letter specifically addressing interest in this practicum and desired learning outcomes you hope to accomplish to fye@uccs.edu.