



**SAHE Practicum Experience:
UCCS Parent and Family Programs
Graduate Student Practicum Experience**

Educational Objectives:

To provide the graduate student with practical experience in working with and developing programs and outreach for parents and families of our first-year 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 family engagement; reflect on and develop awareness of strengths, growth areas, and personal helping style; and connect students and their families to resources on campus and encourage their own navigation of services.

The practicum student will develop skills within these essential student affairs competencies (references from ACPA/NASPA:

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. Develop and coordinate outreach, communication, program events, and activities. Develop assessments to track engagement in these areas.

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

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.