

SIUE's College Student Personnel Administration Program to Host Visit Day, March 22

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EDWARDSVILLE - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's college student personnel administration (CSPA) graduate program, housed in the Department of Educational Leadership, will host a Visit Day on Friday, March 22 for prospective students considering a career in higher education.

Visit Day will begin at 8 a.m. with current CSPA students welcoming visitors in Parking Lot B and escorting them to Evergreen Hall for check-in. The event will include a continental breakfast; welcoming remarks from Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jeffrey Waple, PhD; assistantship interviews; campus tour; program information session; student panel and more. Prospective students in attendance will be given priority consideration for admission and on- and off-campus graduate assistantships through the CSPA program.

A complete calendar of events, listing of assistantship opportunities and registration details are available at siue.edu/cspa-visit-day. Registration is due Friday, March 8.

“The CSPA program has established a reputation for academic rigor and has a focus on social justice and student development,” said Pietro Sasso, PhD, assistant professor and CSPA program director. “Our diverse program prepares students for entry- to mid-level positions in college administration, such as student affairs, academic advising or admissions. In addition, our experiential learning opportunities allow students to actively engage in contemporary higher education issues facing today’s college students.”

The 36-hour CSPA program includes 27 hours of coursework in college student personnel administration, a comprehensive exam, six hours of practicum and a final research project.

The application fee will be waived for those who apply at the event. For admission details, visit siue.edu/apply.

By preparing the next generation of leaders in a knowledge-based economy, SIUE’s Graduate School fulfills the region’s demand for highly trained professionals. Graduate school offerings include arts and sciences, business, education, engineering, nursing and interdisciplinary opportunities. SIUE professors provide students with a unique integration of theoretical education and hands-on research experiences. Students can obtain graduate certificates or pursue master’s degrees, and be part of a supportive learning and rich intellectual environment that is tailored to the needs of adult learners. The Graduate School raises the visibility of research at SIUE, which ranks highest among its Illinois Board of Higher Education peers in total research and development expenditures according to the National Science Foundation. Doctoral programs are available in the Schools of Education (EdD) and Nursing (DNP). The School of Engineering and the Department of Historical Studies feature cooperative doctoral programs (PhD), and the College of Arts and Sciences features an environmental resources and policy cooperative PhD.