2026-27 Academic Year

HIGHER EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Master of Science in Education (MSE)

Wayne State College's Master of Science in Education (MSE) in Higher Education and Student Affairs is rooted in evidence-based practice and student development theory, integrating coursework, applied learning, and reflective practice to prepare professionals who advance student learning, engagement, and success. Students build a strong foundation in student services and college counseling, including the history, purpose, and legal and ethical considerations that shape effective support systems in higher education.

Coursework explores critical issues in higher education, including student support services, organizational leadership, and conflict resolution, while strengthening skills in intercultural communication, career development, and research-informed decision-making. Graduates are prepared to pursue fulfilling careers across a wide range of leadership and service roles in higher education and student affairs.

fast facts

No entrance exams required

Credit hours: 30

Cost per credit hour: $427.45 total *(includes $261.0 tuition + $165.55 fees)*

Degree offerings: Master of Science in Education (MSE) in Higher Eduation and Student Affairs

Delivery method: Online

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Student development and success strategies
- Student services and college counseling
- Intercultural communication and leadership
- Student affairs leadership and operations
- Student engagement and retention iniatives
- Career development and life palanning
- Research and program evaluation
- Conflict resolution and remediation skills
- Inclusive student support for diverse populations

Possible Careers

- Academic advisor
- Student success coordinator
- Career coach
- Dean of students
- Resident life coordinator
- Student affairs director
- Campus activities coordinator
- Retention specialist
- Recruitment coordinator
- Admissions counselor

Types of Employers

- Colleges and universities
- Community colleges
- Technical and trade schools
- Graduate and professional schools
- K-12 school districts
- Government education agencies
- Workforce development programs
- Community outreach programs
- Professional development companies

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.

Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.
Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com* for 2025.

College of Distinction
Wayne State College has been recognized as a College of Distinction, an honor that highlights institutions for engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant campus community, and successful outcomes.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Higher Education and Student Affairs courses (30 credit hours)

CNA 667 Leadership in Intercultural Communication 3
CSL 615 Career Development and Life Planning 3
CSL 630 Human Development Across the Lifespan 3
CSL 636 Introduction to Student Services 3
CSL 646 Student Affairs and College Counseling 3
EDU 603 Introduction to Educational Research and Design 3

Electives 12

Select four courses (12 credit hours) from the following courses:

- BUS 628 Dispute Resolution Management (3)
- BUS 665 Leadership Seminar (3)
- CJA 652 Drugs and Society (3)
- EDU 626 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)
- EDU 627 Current Issues and Trends in Education (3)
- PED 685 Social Issues in Sport (3)
- SOC 515 The Family (3)
- SOC 560 Social Inequalities (3)
- PSY 544 Topics in Psychology (3)

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