UVM ASSISTANT DEAN of STUDENTS — Student Retention

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Any practicum within the Dean of Students Office allows students to see how a senior student affairs office functions as well as view the ongoing administrative responsibilities, opportunities, and challenges inherent at this level of a higher education organization. Practicum students working more closely with Nick will leave with an understanding of issues confronting students who are challenged by mental health and behavioral issues, often gaining insight into intervention and prevention strategies to address student issues.

This practicum will further illuminate how the institution plans and strategizes for emergency response, dealing with campus crisis, and the factors that make up crisis support for students, staff, and faculty. Additionally, this practicum experience will offer opportunities to address parent engagement as it pertains to alcohol and other drugs, but also how to develop a more robust parent engagement program. Lastly, as a practicum student, you will be able to engage in the training and development initiatives that the Assistant Dean leads as it relates to the Clery Act, Students of Concern, Alcohol & Other Drug Intervention, and other prevention initiatives.

Above all, practicum students need to be willing to be flexible because so many different kinds of projects can surface while working in the Dean of Students Office. Previous practicum students have worked on helping to coordinate the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program at UVM, projects related to Students of Concern, initiatives related to research and assessment in the Division of Student Affairs, and a variety of other student retention initiatives. The Assistant Dean is open to tailoring practicum experiences based upon a student's interests but this is always contingent on the needs of urgent projects and current workflow within the office.