Assistantship placements represent a wide array of employment opportunities and provide a waiver of tuition and stipend. The longevity of the program and deep ties within the University mean that HESA students are a familiar and welcomed presence throughout the University and local campuses.

Multiple assistantship opportunities are available in the following offices:

- ALANA (African, Latino(a), Asian, Native American) Student Center
- Center for Cultural Pluralism
- College of Education and Social Services
- Honors College
- Residential Life
- Student Life
- Undergraduate Admissions and Enrollment Management

For more information about graduate assistantships or to apply, visit our website: http://uvm.edu/~saffairs/ga

Burlington is revered for its arts, healthy and sustainable lifestyle, and outdoor fun by sources ranging from The Princeton Review to The New York Times. Travel and Leisure magazine recently rated Burlington as America's Best College Town. The city is often noted as one of the most liveable cities in the U.S.

Residents of Burlington and Vermont place a high value on leading the country in progressive approaches to government and community.

- Vermont led the country by legislating the first civil unions in the U.S.
- The state is leading the effort to establish health care for all citizens.
- As a refugee resettlement community, Burlington has welcomed refugees from Bosnia, Somalia, Bhutan, Burma, Iraq, Burundi, Republic of the Congo, Sudan, and other countries.

Nestled in the Champlain Valley between the Adirondacks and Green Mountains, Burlington and the state offer a wide variety of outdoor activities including hiking, alpine and cross country skiing, biking, watersports, and other choices.

"Burlington is a beautiful place to live, especially the waterfront with the backdrop of the New York Mountains. Fall foliage was also new for me, but it was definitely my favorite time of the year!"

—Lian Boos ’16

Nakiya Findley ’15, Assistant Residence Director
and Blake Singleton, Residence Director

The University of Vermont
College of Education and Social Services
Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) masters graduate program at the University of Vermont (UVM). We are proud of our long standing high quality program and welcome the opportunity to share information about graduate study at UVM.

A hallmark of success in the HESA program is the close relationship between the academic program and the Division of Student Affairs. This collaborative relationship mirrors the educationally rich and complementary connections between student and academic life on campus and provides fertile ground for growing theory to practice applications.

The Vermont Connection is a term that characterizes our community within the University and HESA program. Reflecting both the name of the student-managed journal and the bonds connecting our network of alumni, friends, and partners, the “Vermont Connection” is an important part of HESA students’ success.

As you learn about the HESA program and the Division of Student Affairs, please make note of the ways that we have committed ourselves to the values and goals of social justice. Social justice is intricately woven into the professional, administrative, and academic programs at UVM.

We welcome you into our community and invite you to work and study with us.

Deborah Hunter, Ph.D.
Chair, Leadership and Developmental Sciences

Annie Stevens, Ph.D., HESA Class of ’86
Vice Provost for Student Affairs

HESA Academic Program

UVM’s HESA curriculum is aligned with the professional competency areas for Student Affairs Practitioners endorsed by ACPA and NASPA. During the HESA program, the core curriculum and professional practice opportunities combine theory and practice in a challenging and professionally rewarding learning environment.

- The small cohort size encourages strong and enduring relationships among students, faculty, and professional staff.
- Students can complete the program by attending full or part-time.

Coursework includes examination of the following areas:

- Student Affairs Foundations, History, and Culture
- Social Justice
- Higher Education History and Philosophy
- Student Development
- Research and Assessment
- Legal Issues
- Campus Diversity and Pluralism
- Organizational Theory and Administrative Practice
- Practica Internships

Practicum Internships

During the forty credit hour HESA program, students have the opportunity to take three practicum experiences in functional areas of their choice, each earning two credits per semester. These internships are administered by a HESA faculty member in collaboration with the site supervisor.

Practicum internships, offered by over 60 administrative office sites encompassing a wide range of higher education and student affairs areas, enable students to experience professional practice in a closely supervised setting.

"As a practicum intern in the Dean of Students Office, I am developing a Family Advocacy Training program and identifying best practices for family-university communications. From the beginning, Nick has served as an inspiration to me as a Man of Color and a student affairs professional. When I talk to him I feel welcomed and empowered because this practicum allows me to be an active participant in senior leadership meetings, while maintaining my autonomy as a graduate student."

— Daniel Fairley II ’16

Nick Negrete ’06 and Daniel Fairley, II ’16

For more information about HESA’s academic program visit our website: http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmhesa/