

## News Release

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### **NASPA and CSU offer free online student affairs course**

*Register now for “Exploring the Student Affairs in Higher Education Profession”*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and Colorado State University (CSU) have teamed up to offer a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for anyone interested in exploring the student affairs profession. The course, “Exploring the Student Affairs in Higher Education Profession,” is designed for those passionate about making an impact in college students’ lives.

This free online course offers a broad-based introduction to the student affairs profession. For people who have considered what it might be like to work in areas such as admissions, campus recreation, enrollment services, Greek life, housing and dining, or other student affairs departments, this is risk-free opportunity to:

- Learn about the field of student affairs
- Discover guiding and foundational theories
- Practice networking on your own campuses (or locations), with professional organizations and even current staff members
- Obtain strategies for a successful search when it comes to finding a job or graduate program
- Investigate future trends within the field of student affairs
- Understand the role student affairs plays in student success
- Learn about the internationalization of student affairs/student services

“Undergraduate students, young professionals, and those who are planning a career change are able to engage the course material on their own schedule, when it is best for them, at no financial cost,” explained Dave McKelfresh, Ph.D., executive director of assessment and research within CSU’s Division of Student Affairs, and program chair of the Student Affairs in Higher Education graduate program. “Additionally, student affairs staff members, faculty members, and student mentors will be able to use the course as a resource to help students jump-start their career in student affairs.”

Registration for Exploring the Student Affairs in Higher Education Profession is open now, and the course runs from Jan. 21 to March 18, 2014. Visit <http://www.online.colostate.edu/free-online-courses/student-affairs-in-higher-education/> for more details and to register.

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