



## **NASPA Certificate Program In Student Affairs Law and Policy**

**June 5-12, 2012  
Tampa Bay, Florida**

### **Who Will Benefit from the Program?**

On today's increasingly complex campuses, it is vital that university administrators appreciate and understand the myriad legal and regulatory issues that impact their work. We anticipate that a wide variety of student-affairs professionals — ranging from entry-level to senior professionals — will benefit from this program. The program is designed to provide student-affairs professionals with a foundation to identify legal issues that impact their work and a structure to work with others on and off campus to resolve legal and law-related issues.

### **Course Schedule & Number of Hours**

The program includes approximately 45 hours of instruction. This number does not include preparation time, time participating in group work, or the final examination.

### **Residentially Based Instruction**

The residentially-based sessions will be held in the beautiful Tampa Bay. The nearest airport is Tampa International and we will reserve a block of rooms at a hotel near the program.

### **Curriculum**

#### **Introduction to Law and the Legal System**

- ❖ importance of law to student-affairs professionals
- ❖ introduction to the Facilitator Model
- ❖ types and sources of law
- ❖ introduction to the U.S. legal system
- ❖ basics of how to read a case and a statute
- ❖ working with a law librarian
- ❖ working with general or outside counsel

- ❖ how law relates to policy development and implementation
- ❖ paradigm for policy development
- ❖ sources for legal updates

### **Private Law**

#### ❖ **Torts**

- intentional torts
- negligence (including alcohol and other drugs and suicide/self-injury)
- risk-management concepts

#### ❖ **Contracts**

- types of contract/contract formation
- reviewing contracts
- insurance issues

#### ❖ **Property**

- premises liability
- landlord-tenant issues
- personal property issues
- intellectual property basics

### **Public Law**

#### ❖ **Constitutional Law**

- privacy and First Amendment
- religion on campus
- diversity issues
- academic freedom
- due process with an emphasis student conduct and discipline

#### ❖ **Criminal Law and Procedure**

- types and levels of crime
- working with law enforcement
- search and seizure
- overview of processes such as arrest, charge, bail, plea
- impact of student arrest/conviction on campus processes

- ❖ **Administrative and Regulatory Law**
  - civil rights/employment/discrimination
  - FERPA and HIPPA
  - Clery and other fed regulations, such as health and safety regulations
  - working with administrative agencies
  
- ❖ **Special Issues in Student Affairs Law and Policy**
  - Student mental health, hazing, crisis management etc.

## Faculty

Program faculty will include Professor Peter F. Lake, Charles A. Dana Chair and Director, Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy, at the Stetson University College of Law.

## Assessment

To complete the program, all students must take and pass a comprehensive written examination. Assessment will be on a competency scale with the following categories: high competency, competency, competency emerging, and not competent. To pass the final examination, the student must fall into the competency or high competency categories. Those who do not achieve at least a competency rating may be required to complete additional work and may be allowed to re-test in September 2012.

## Recognition

Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded a certificate in Student Affairs Law and Policy.

## Additional Information

If you have additional questions about the program, please email Kevin Kruger at [kkruger@naspa.org](mailto:kkruger@naspa.org)

## NASPA

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undergraduate students. NASPA members are committed to serving college students by embracing the core values of diversity, learning, integrity, collaboration, access, service, fellowship, and the spirit of inquiry.

NASPA members serve a variety of functions and roles, including the vice president and dean for student life, as well as professionals working within housing and residence life, student unions, student activities, counseling, career development, orientation, enrollment management, racial and ethnic minority support services, and retention and assessment. NASPA serves its members through a wide range of services, including outstanding publications; a variety of professional development opportunities for student affairs individuals at all levels within the profession; and a comprehensive, content-rich website that is the most widely accessed website in the student affairs association community.