Do you find yourself making a positive change in the campus community? Do you enjoy making an impact on others? Want to do it every day and get paid for it?

The ECU Pirate Academy has all the tools to help you prepare for your future career in Student Affairs!

The purpose of the Academy is to provide programming, resources, experiential learning, and mentoring for current undergraduate and graduate students who are considering a career in Student Affairs. Participants will be exposed to the many opportunities within Student Affairs and can determine how to better prepare for this journey.

By definition, Student Affairs Educators provide services and support at institutions for higher education to enhance student growth and development. Areas within Student Affairs include Campus Living, Campus Recreation, Career Services, Community and Service Learning, Greek Affairs, Multicultural Affairs, Orientation and the First Year Experience, Student Activities, Involvement and Student Leadership, to name a few.

Application Requirements:
- 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA
- Completed 30 credit hours (including transfer credit hours)
- Active involvement in the campus community and/or local communities
- Submission of application, personal statement, and recommendation form by no later than Monday, October 1, 2012 via email to pirateacademy@ecu.edu or deliver/mail to Waz Miller, Campus Living, Suite 100 Jones Hall.

The Pirate Academy meets weekly on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center. Program dates are as follows: 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, and 11/27 (etiquette luncheon). Meeting locations will be confirmed upon acceptance. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact co-chairs, Waz Miller or Krista Wilhelm.

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Fall 2012
Application Process

Be a part of this exciting opportunity for considering a career in Student Affairs!

To be considered for the Pirate Academy, the applicant must complete the attached application, personal statement and reference form. **Submissions are due no later than Monday, October 1, 2012.**

Membership in the Academy requires that all candidates must have at least one semester of undergraduate or graduate school remaining after the semester of enrollment in this program (i.e. must be enrolled at ECU in Spring 2013).

Candidates must show an interest in the Student Affairs profession. Examples may include, but are not limited to, being involved in student organizations, campus or residence life, engaging in student employment opportunities, or serving in the community, etc.

There is a fee to attend the Pirate Academy; however, all students will be sponsored by a department within Student Affairs. This fee includes various program materials, the etiquette luncheon, and associated program costs.

Accepted candidates will be sent a congratulatory letter detailing program requirements* and assigned a mentor.

*Participants are required to attend all workshop sessions, interact weekly with assigned program mentor, and attend the closing etiquette luncheon.
Academy Purpose:
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Academy Requirements:
The purpose of the application process is to identify students who have demonstrated a commitment to a career in the student affairs profession by being involved in campus activities. Successful applicants must meet the following criteria:
- 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA
- Completed 30 credit hours (including transfer credit hours)
- Active involvement in the campus community and/or local communities

Academy Schedule:
Throughout the weekly meetings, a variety of topics will be covered that will assist students in preparation for a future career in Student Affairs. All workshop sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm in Mendenhall Student Center, unless otherwise noted. Location will be confirmed upon acceptance.

The schedule is as follows (topics are subject to change):

10/1/2012 Application Deadline
Week of 10/8/2012 Committee Selection Meeting
Week of 10/12/2012 Applicants notified of status via email
10/23/2012 Session: Exploring Student Affairs/Panel discussion
10/30/2012 Session: Student Affair Theory/Connection Points
11/6/2012 Session: Career Advice/Job Searching
11/13/2012 Session: Networking/Branding Yourself
11/20/2012 Session: Maintaining Balance
11/27/2012 Session: Etiquette Luncheon/Closing Ceremony*

*The etiquette luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. A three-course meal will be provided as participants learn valuable dining etiquette techniques. Your presence is required for program completion.
Instructions for completing your application

Personal Statement

On a separate sheet of paper complete a personal statement with the information that is listed below. Your statement must be typed with standard margins; your name and Banner ID number must be provided on the top right-hand corner of each page and the statement shall be no more than two pages in length.

Be sure to address all of the following items in your statement:

1) Share information about yourself, background, your current community activities, interests, employment experiences and educational achievements.

2) Describe any experience you have had working in student affairs either on the campus or in the local community.

3) Explain, in depth, why you are interested in a career in student affairs.
Pirate Academy Fall 2012 Application

(Do not include a resume with application. It will not be used in the selection process)

Banner ID # _____________________________

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
  Last/First/Middle

 Preferred Name: ________________

Email: _____________________________ Preferred Phone: ________________

School Address:

______________________________________________________________
  Number / Street

______________________________________________________________
  City / State / Zip

Home Address:

______________________________________________________________
  Number / Street

______________________________________________________________
  City / State / Zip

Field of Study: _____________________________ Minor: ________________________

Classification: ____Sophomore _____Junior _____Senior _____Graduate Student

Current Cumulative GPA ________ Anticipated Graduation Date: ______________

*Did anyone encourage to apply to ECU Pirate Academy? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, who specifically encouraged you to apply to the Pirate Academy?

  Name ________________________________________________________________
  Email _____________________________
  Department/Office _____________________________
According to the Family Educational and Privacy Act, a student has access to his/her official records. The applicant may retain the right to access his/her file by signing the line below. If applicant signs here, he/she has the right to read this reference.

Authorization of Waiver: _____________________________________________________________

Signature __________________________ Date ___________

How long have you known the applicant? ____________ In what capacity do you know the applicant? ____________

Check the appropriate box to evaluate the applicant:

1 Poor 2 Fair 3 Average 4 Above Average Excellent
Communication [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Taking Initiatives [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Organization [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Openness to Feedback [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Team Member [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Work with Diverse People [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Dependability [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Creativity [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Overall Evaluation (choose one)

☐ Highly Recommend ☐ Recommend ☐ Recommend with reservations ☐ Do not recommend

Comments supporting overall evaluation:

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Evaluator, please print your name, sign, and date the Reference Form. Thank you for your assistance!

PRINT FULL NAME __________________________ SIGNATURE __________________________ DATE ___________

POSITION __________________________ NAME OF BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION __________________________

CITY / STATE __________________________

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