**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, Transit Services, 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 **Thursday, October 8, 2015** 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. Locations will be confirmed as you are accepted.** All meetings will be held on campus. Program dates are as follows: **10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, and 11/17 (networking social)**. 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 2015
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 and a personal statement. **Submissions are due no later than Thursday, October 8, 2015.**

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 2016).*

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, the Division of Student Affairs has agreed to fund this initiative. This fee includes various program materials, networking social, 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 networking social event.*
**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. Location will be confirmed upon acceptance.

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

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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 2015 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

Home Address:

________________________________________________________________________________
  Number / Street

________________________________________________________________________________
  City / State / Zip

Field of Study: __________________________ Minor: ____________________

Classification: _____Sophomore _____Junior _____Senior _____Graduate Student

Current Cumulative GPA _________ Anticipated Graduation Date: ____________

T-Shirt Size: __________

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

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

Name ____________________________________________________________________________

Email ____________________________

Department/Office ____________________________