



Dear Prospective Student:

I am the coordinator of admissions for the Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel Program. I thank you for your interest in KSU. To expedite your application, I have enclosed a number of materials that will enable you to apply to the program and for a graduate assistantship (GA). Also enclosed is contact information so that your eligibility for

financial aid can be determined (you may qualify for financial aid as a graduate student even if you did not as an undergraduate).

Our program consists of a community of students, faculty, administrators, student affairs professionals, and alumni working together to foster learning and professional development through classes and field experiences. We are NCATE accredited and the state of Ohio recently rated our program as a “1-1” (the best rating possible; a rating shared by only two other universities in the state). Moreover, our program meets all CAS standards for the preparation of student affairs practitioners and administrators in higher education.

We prepare professionals for literally dozens of positions within higher education—from entry-level to vice president and president. You will find that our program faculty are leaders nationally within their respective fields and have literally dozens of books and hundreds of articles and national presentations to their credit. Teaching and students, however, are our priorities. We are committed to getting GA placements for all of our full-time students and to providing extensive office hours for advising and instruction. We use modern technologies (e.g., WebCT) and diverse teaching methodologies to enhance our instruction in an effort to provide our students with a wide range of learning experiences.

We are excited about the work we are doing here and welcome academically talented and interpersonally skilled individuals to join us. We will expect a lot from you; in turn, you should expect a lot from us. If you are interested in taking your education to the next level and being part of a community of scholars, try Kent State. Our program admits today’s students and prepares tomorrow’s leaders.

If at any point during the application process you have a question, please do not hesitate to call (330) 672-0642, or e-mail me at [mkretov1@kent.edu](mailto:mkretov1@kent.edu). Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Mark Kretovics*