

Values, Philosophy, and History (VPH)

The Values, Philosophy, and History competency area focuses on the foundation of the student affairs profession. It includes having an understanding of historical and theoretical foundations, cultural context, professional service, and campus civic and campus engagement. All of which allows them to align themselves with the mission and vision of the universities that they serve. For this competency area, I have a foundational skill level.

Through academic courses such as EDHE 660: History of Higher Education, EDHE 671: The College and the Student, EDFD 609: Cultural Context of Education, EDHE 656 Student Services in Higher Education, and EDHE 665: The Law and Higher Education, I gained an understanding of events, legislation and social movements that have help shape higher education from its religious beginnings to developing the diverse institutions that we have today. In addition to academic courses, I have gained a deeper understanding of how college missions, values, and history influence daily practices, teaching, programming, and student support services through my graduate assistantship and as a practicum student. As a GA, I have seen firsthand the importance of promoting student learning, access, and success. I look forward to witnessing the same as I continue my practicum experience with the FedEx Student Athlete Support Center. It has been slow going due to the recent ice storm.

I will continue to cultivate skills and expand my understanding of the university's mission, values, and goals, as I would like to align my work with its commitment to the success of the students.