

COUNSELING (ED.S.) CONCENTRATION IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation and Psychometric Services

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Accreditation

Counseling, Rehabilitation and Psychometric Services programs are housed within the College of Education and Human Development, which is accredited by the Council on the Accreditation Educational Programs (CAEP). The Clinical Mental Health, School Counseling and Rehabilitation Counseling programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Program Objectives

In support of its mission, the department prepares masters and specialist level students for careers in professional counseling. The specific objectives of the department are to prepare students to:

- Acquire the professional skills necessary to become professional counselors,
- Obtain certification in school counseling or school psychometry, and
- Upgrade their certification and/or skill level in counseling.

Specialist in Education School Counseling Concentration

(Requires AA Teacher Certification)

Students applying for admission to the Specialist program must obtain general admission to the Division of Graduate Studies; however, this does not guarantee admission to the College of Education Specialist program in the specific area of concentration. Students must also complete an application to the specific department.

Admission Requirements

- A master's degree from an accredited college or university
- An overall GPA of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale) on the master's degree
- A completed Specialist program application

- Three letters of recommendation
- Acceptable evidence of the applicant's writing ability as determined by a writing sample completed under the supervision of the screening committee
- A successful interview with the program screening committee
- A recommendation for admission by the screening committee
- Student must hold a valid teaching license
- Deadline for applications for summer/fall admissions is March 15th

Degree Requirements

Students are required to complete 42 semester hours, and obtain a passing score on the Graduate Comprehensive Examination.

Code	Title	Hours
Educational Core Requirements		
EDFL 601	ADV RESRCH & STATISTICS	3
EDFL 602	COMPARATIVE EDUCATION	3
or EDFL 610	SCHOOL&COMMUNITY RELATNS	
Counseling Core Requirements		
COUN 506	INTRO TO PROFSNL COUNSELING	3
COUN 510	ORGAN & ADM OF GUIDANCE PROGS	3
COUN 514	ANALYSIS OF THE INDIVIDUAL	3
COUN 517	LIFESTYLES & CAREER DEVELOPMNT	3
COUN 520	PRINCIPLES & TECHNQ OF CNSLNG	3
COUN 526	DYNAMICS OF GROUP PROCESSING	3
COUN 561	PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS HUM DEV	3
COUN 571	SUPERVISED LAB IN COUNSELING	3
COUN 631	SOCIAL & CULTRL FNDDN OF CNSLNG	3
COUN 671	PRACTICUM IN SUPRVSD EXP & CNS	3
COUN 691	SEM ON ETHCL & LGL ISS IN CNSL	3
Internship Requirement		
COUN 675	INTRNSHP IN SCHOOL COUNSELING	6
Total Hours		45

(For Students holding AA certification in Counseling)

Code	Title	Hours
Educational Core Requirements		
Select one of the following:		3
EDFL 601	ADV RESRCH & STATISTICS	
EDFL 602	COMPARATIVE EDUCATION	
EDFL 610	SCHOOL&COMMUNITY RELATNS	
Counseling Core Requirements		
COUN 522	COUNSELING CHILDREN	3
COUN 675	INTRNSHP IN SCHOOL COUNSELING	3
COUN 676	COUNSELOR SUPERVISION AND THEO	3
Concentration Core		
Approved Counseling Electives		18
Total Hours		30

Requires a AA Teacher Certificate¹

Note: Students are required to complete the following courses before enrolling in internship:

Code	Title	Hours
COUN 506	INTRO TO PROFSNL COUNSELING	3
COUN 510	ORGAN & ADM OF GUIDANCE PROGS	3
COUN 514	ANALYSIS OF THE INDIVIDUAL	3
COUN 517	LIFESTYLES & CAREER DEVELOPMNT	3
COUN 520	PRINCIPLES & TECHNQ OF CNSLNG	3
COUN 526	DYNAMICS OF GROUP PROCESSING	3
COUN 561	PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS HUM DEV	3
COUN 631	SOCIAL & CULTRL FNDTN OF CNSLG	3
COUN 671	PRACTICUM IN SUPRVSD EXP & CNS	3
COUN 691	SEM ON ETHCL & LGL ISS IN CNSL	3

Students should apply for internship at the beginning of the semester prior to the intended enrollment semester.

¹ For Licensure Requirements (see <https://www.mdek12.org/OEL> <https://www.mdek12.org/OEL> (<https://www.mdek12.org/OEL/>)for more information).