

Emphasis - School Counseling

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M.Ed. in Counselor Education Description

The M.Ed. in counselor education must be completed with an option in clinical mental health counseling (CMHC) or school counseling (SC). The program requires satisfactory completion of courses and course experiences, development of basic counseling skills, performance in practicum and internship, and demonstration of specific clinical competencies beyond class requirements.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 60 Course Requirements

To complete the M.Ed. in counselor education, a student must complete the following core courses and also complete specific courses for the specialization option in clinical mental health counseling or school counseling.

Basic Counseling Core (36 hours)

| | Credits |
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| Coun 601 Lifespan Development | 3 |
| Coun 603 Counseling Skills | 3 |
| Coun 604 Research in Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 606 Counseling Theory I | 3 |
| Coun 607 Group Procedures | 3 |
| Coun 608 Issues and Ethics in Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 609 Multicultural Issues in Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 611 Assessment in Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 614 Family Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 640 Career Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 642 Crisis Intervention | 3 |
| Coun 644 Counseling Children and Adolescents | 3 |

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialization (24 hours)

| | Credits |
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| Coun 612 Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 613 Diagnostic Systems in Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 615 Addictions Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 617 Pre-Practicum and Advanced Skills | 3 |
| Coun 662 Practicum in Clinical Mental Health Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 664 Internship in Clinical Mental Health Counseling | 6 |
| Electives | 3 |

Other Academic Requirements

Mastery of the content knowledge is assessed in many ways throughout the program. One specific milestone for assessing student's mastery of content knowledge is the program comprehensive examination. All master's degree students in the counselor education program are required to earn a passing score on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) in order to graduate from the program.

In addition to demonstrating mastery of content knowledge, students must also demonstrate development of basic counseling skills and demonstration of counseling and track-specific dispositions and competencies beyond class requirements. All master's degree students in the counselor education program are required to successfully complete practicum and internship in order to graduate from the program.

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The M.Ed. in counselor education/school counseling option requires that all students successfully complete a range of program experiences. Graduates of this program should be prepared for counselor positions in K-12 schools.

Course Requirements

Beyond the M.Ed. counselor education core courses, the school counseling option requires the following courses:

| Required Courses | Credits |
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| Coun 614-Family Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 630-Foundations of School Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 644-Counseling Children & Adolescents | 3 |
| Coun 661-School Practicum | 3 |
| Coun 663-Internship in School Counseling | 6 |
| Coun 617-Pre-practicum and Advanced Skills | 3 |



Required Courses

| | Credits |
|--|---------|
| Coun 636-Advanced School Counseling | 3 |
| Coun 637-Leadership, Advocacy, & Accountability in School Counseling | 3 |
| Elective Course | 3 |

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