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Counselor Education, M.S.



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The Department of Counselor Education offers the Master of Science degree with concentrations in School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling. The program is nationally accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The student who successfully completes the degree will have satisfied the education requirements for several state and national certifications and licenses.

In addition to the general application and admission requirements from the Graduate School, admission to the M.S. degree program in Counselor Education requires submission of satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Official GRE scores must be sent directly from the test administrator to the Graduate School.

Degree Requirements

Students accepted into the M.S. in Counselor Education program must complete a core educational requirement of 27 credit hours. In addition to these required core courses, students must choose a concentration—School Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, or a dual concentration which meets the requirements of both School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling – and complete the required core and concentration coursework.

In addition to the core and concentration coursework, all students must complete 3 credits in a practicum and 6–9 credits in an internship with placement specific to the concentration. Additional electives are taken to gain expertise and reach the total number of hours required for the degree. All students are required to pass a comprehensive examination. There is no thesis option.

A total of 48 credits is required for the School Counseling concentration. A total of 60 credits is required for the Mental Health Counseling concentration and the dual concentration.

Core Courses

All students must complete the following 27 credit hours of required core coursework:

- COUN 500 – Orientation to Ethical, Professional, and Legal Issues in Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 501 – Methods of Inquiry in Counseling Research **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 502 – Theories of Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 504 – Theories and Techniques of Appraisals for Counselors **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 505 – Helping Relationships **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 506 – Multicultural Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 507 – Lifestyle and Career Development **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 509 – Group Processes **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 524 – Counseling and Development Across the Lifespan **3 Credit(s)**

Concentration Coursework

In addition to the required core coursework above, students must choose a concentration and complete the courses as described below for each.

School Counseling (Core Courses + 21 Credit Hours)

- COUN 503 – Principles and Administration of School Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 514 – Counseling Children and Adolescents **3 Credit(s)**

- COUN 539 – Counseling Practicum **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 540 – Counseling Internship **3–9 Credit(s)**
- COUN 553 – Advanced School Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- Approved Elective **3 Credit(s)**.

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Core Courses + 33 Credit Hours)

- COUN 519 – Counseling in Community Settings **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 539 – Counseling Practicum **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 540 – Counseling Internship **3–9 Credit(s)**
- COUN 555 – Advanced Counseling Techniques **3 Credit(s)**
- PSYC 533 – Advanced Psychopathology **3 Credit(s)**
- Approved Electives **15 Credit(s)**.

Dual Concentration (Core Courses + 36 Credit Hours)

- COUN 503 – Principles and Administration of School Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 514 – Counseling Children and Adolescents **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 519 – Counseling in Community Settings **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 539 – Counseling Practicum **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 540 – Counseling Internship **3–9 Credit(s)** (School Counseling Placement)
- COUN 540 – Counseling Internship **3–9 Credit(s)**. (Clinical Mental Health Counseling Placement)
- COUN 553 – Advanced School Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 555 – Advanced Counseling Techniques **3 Credit(s)**
- PSYC 533 – Advanced Psychopathology **3 Credit(s)**

Approved Electives

The following courses are approved electives:

- COUN 496G – Special Projects in Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 510 – Relationship, Marriage, and Family Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 511 – Substance Abuse and Dependency Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 512 – Counseling College Students **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 513 – Student Development in Higher Education **3 Credit(s)**
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- COUN 513 – Student Development in Higher Education **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 514 – Counseling Children and Adolescents **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 515 – Orientation to the Vocational Rehabilitation Process **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 516 – Psychosocial Aspects of Disability **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 517 – Medical Aspects of Disability **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 518 – Vocational Analysis and Assessment of People With Disabilities **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 520 – Advanced Appraisal Techniques **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 521 – Advanced Seminar in Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 522 – Crisis Counseling. **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 523 – Grief and Bereavement Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 525 – Human Sexuality in Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 544 – Introduction to Play Therapy **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 554 – Advanced Play Therapy **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 559 – Advanced Group Counseling **3 Credit(s)**
- COUN 597 – Directed Research/Independent Study **3 Credit(s)**

Residence Requirement

A student must satisfy residence requirements by successfully completing a minimum of 18 semester hours of degree program credit on the campus of UL Lafayette.

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