

# Counseling - School Counseling Option, M.S.

## DEPARTMENT

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MS in Counseling - Marriage, Family, & Child Counseling Option, M.S.  
MS in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, M.S.  
MS in Counseling - School Counseling Option, M.S.  
MS in Counseling - Student Affairs & College Counseling Option, M.S.  
CRED in Pupil Personnel Services - Child Welfare Counseling, Credential  
CRED in Pupil Personnel Services - School Counseling Credential  
CRED in Pupil Personnel Services - School Psychologist  
Courses Offered

### Department Description

The Department of Counselor Education and Rehabilitation offers programs and master's degrees in the areas of Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. The programs utilize the services and facilities of community agencies and school districts within the university service area.

## REQUIREMENTS

### Option in School Counseling Requirements

The Option in School Counseling is a 48-unit program designed for individuals seeking advanced preparation for careers in educational settings (K-12).

The School Counseling option is designed to complement the Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPS) curriculum and is intended to enhance preparation of public and private school counselors. The PPS credential is required of those seeking employment as counselors in the K-12 public schools.

Preparation for the School Counseling option requires knowledge of individual and group dynamics, advising practices in specialized settings, and an understanding of the developmental issues associated with students' maturation process. It requires an appreciation of organizational dynamics and a firm foundation in counseling theory as well as acquisition of counseling skills appropriate for use with students from diverse populations and backgrounds.

### Program Requirements

Students must possess a Certificate of Clearance (or valid teaching credential) before applying.

Under the direction of a graduate advisor, each student develops and submits an individually designed program within the following framework:

#### Core requirements (25 units)

COUN 200, 201, 202, 203, 206, 208, 220; ERE 220

#### School Counseling Option (16 units)

COUN 240, 241, 242, 249 (4 units); CI 285 or ERE 288

#### Culminating experience (7 units)

Choose between:

(a) Comprehensive exam [0 units] plus 7 units of electives

(b) COUN 298 Project [3 units] plus 4 units of electives

(c) COUN 299 Thesis [3 units] plus 4 units of electives

**Total (48 units)**

**Note:** (1) Practicum must be completed with a grade of B or better. (2) During the semester that students are enrolled in COUN 208, the Clinical Review Committee of program faculty convenes to evaluate students. The criteria for this evaluation are based on skills and qualities considered appropriate for entry-level counselors. Students may be asked to leave the program if committee recommendations are not met. Students will not be allowed to advance to candidacy until they pass the clinical review. (3) Students meet the Graduate Writing Requirement by passing the writing component of COUN 206.

## **FACULTY**

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.