

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN COUNSELING

Option: School Counseling (Degree Requirements)

This 48-unit program is designed for individuals seeking advanced preparation for a career in counseling within an educational setting such as an elementary, middle and high school. This degree Requirements is often taken concurrently with coursework for the Pupil Personnel Services Credential.

I. Prerequisites	Units
A. COUN 174 Introduction to Counseling	3
B. COUN 176 Counseling and Mental Health	
<u>OR</u> PSYCH 166 Abnormal Psychology	3
C. ERA 153 Educational Statistics	<u>3</u>
Pre-requisite Total:	9
II. Core Course Requirements	Units
COUN 200 Counseling Techniques	3
COUN 201 Multicultural Counseling	3
COUN 202 Group Counseling	3
COUN 203 Assessment in Counseling	3
COUN 206 Counseling through the Lifespan	3
COUN 208* Practicum in Counseling	4
COUN 220* Career Development Theory	3
ERA 220 Research in Education	<u>3</u>
Subtotal:	25
III. Specialization in K-12 Settings	
COUN 240 Counseling Exceptional Children	3
COUN 241 Organization of Counseling Services.	3
COUN 242 Parent Ed, Pupil Advocacy & Consulting	3
COUN 249 Field Practice in School Counseling	<u>4</u>
Subtotal:	16
IV. Culminating Experience	Units
COUN 298** Project (3 units) plus 4 units of electives	7
<u>OR</u> COUN 299** Thesis (3 units) plus 4 units of electives	7
<u>OR</u> Comprehensive Exam** plus 7 units of electives	<u>7</u>
Subtotal:	7
Total Required Units	48

* Students must pass 1) the graduate writing requirement, which is part of COUN 220, and 2) Coun208 (with a B or better and pass the Clinical Review) prior to applying for Advancement to Candidacy.

** Advancement to Candidacy must be attained one semester prior to the term in which the student wishes to graduate or register for the culminating experience (i.e., COUN 298 or COUN 299 Thesis or Comprehensive Examination).

Field Practice - COUN 249

Students seeking the MS degree in Counseling option in School Counseling and PPS are required to successfully complete a field practice in an elementary, middle or high school. Students must have obtained a Certificate of Clearance form (this needs to be ordered when the student first enters the program). For details on field practice in COUN 249, see the section of Field Practice for the PPS Credential in this handbook. Field practice in COUN 249 consists of 600 hours of supervised experience.