COUNSELING - ED.S.

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
www.kent.edu/ehhs/ldes

About This Program
Make a difference with the Education Specialist in Counseling program equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to provide effective counseling and support to individuals and communities in need. Read more...

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• Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

Program Delivery
• Delivery:
  • In person
• Location:
  • Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*
Counselors, all other
• 13.0% much faster than the average
• 29,100 number of jobs
• $45,760 potential earnings

Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors
• 24.7% much faster than the average
• 319,400 number of jobs
• $47,660 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Application Deadlines
• Fall Semester
  • Priority deadline: December 15
    Applications submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.
  • Application deadline: February 1
    Applications submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.
• Spring Semester
  • Priority deadline: September 1
    Applications submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.
  • Application deadline: October 1
    Applications submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.
• Summer Term
  • Application deadline: February 1
    Applications submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

Program Requirements

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<td>or CES 78069</td>
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School Counseling Internship or Clinical Mental Health Counseling Internship, choose from the following:

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Major Electives, choose from the following: 21

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Admission Requirements
• Master’s degree from an accredited college or university
• Minimum 3.000 graduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale (minimum 3.250 graduate GPA is recommended)
• Official transcript(s)
• Goal statement
• Two letters of recommendation
• Supplemental Interview Form
• Interview
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 77 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  • Minimum 58 PTE score
  • Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.
Graduation Requirements

Minimum 30 credit hours are needed beyond a counseling master’s degree.

Full Description

The Educational Specialist degree in Counseling can be highly individualized to meet the needs of students having interests in a variety of school or community settings. The degree is an advanced-level practitioner’s degree, and the focus is on practical knowledge and skill.

State and Federal background checks are required for practicum/internship experiences and to apply for Counselor Trainee status. See the Practicum and Internship Coordinator for more information.