

COUNSELING - ED.S.

College of Education and Human Services
 School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
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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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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Counselors, all other

- 12.6% much faster than the average
- 69,100 number of jobs
- \$49,830 potential earnings

Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors

- 16.8% much faster than the average
- 483,500 number of jobs
- \$59,190 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 international admission website.

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
- Supplemental Interview form

- Two letters of recommendation
- Interview
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:¹
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 DET score

¹ International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Application deadline: February 1
All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.
- **Spring Semester**
 - Application deadline: September 1
All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
CES 67663	ORIENTATION AND ETHICS: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING	3
or CES 68069	ORIENTATION AND ETHICS: SCHOOL COUNSELING	
School Counseling Internship or Clinical Mental Health Counseling Internship, choose from the following: ¹		6
CES 67792 & CES 67892	INTERNSHIP I: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING and INTERNSHIP II: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING	
CES 68192 & CES 68292	INTERNSHIP I: SCHOOL COUNSELING and INTERNSHIP II: SCHOOL COUNSELING	
Major Electives, choose from the following:		21
CES 68167	CASE CONCEPTUALIZATION AND TREATMENT PLANNING	
CES 68168	ADVANCED COUNSELING THEORIES	
CES 68284	SUPERVISION IN COUNSELING I	
CES 68392	SCHOOL COUNSELING PRACTICUM ¹	
CES 67592	PRACTICUM II: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING	
CES 67628	DIAGNOSIS IN COUNSELING	
CES 67662	FOUNDATIONS OF ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	
CES 67664	THEORIES AND PRACTICES IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	
CES 67665	TREATMENT PLANNING IN ADDICTIONS COUNSELING	
CES 67669	TRAUMA, CRISIS AND GRIEF COUNSELING	
CES 68011	FOUNDATIONS OF SCHOOL COUNSELING	
CES 68066	COUNSELING ADOLESCENTS	

CES 68067	COUNSELING CHILDREN
CES 68068	SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP
CES 68529	COUPLES THERAPY:THEORY AND TECHNIQUES
CES 68533	FAMILY THERAPY: THEORY AND TECHNIQUES
CES 68538	ADVANCED MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING
RMS 65510	STATISTICS I FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
Other Advisor-Approved Electives	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	30

¹ 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.

Progression Requirements

- Students who earn a C+ grade or lower in any course for the degree must repeat the course for a better grade.
- All prerequisites for courses must be completed with a minimum B-grade.

Professional Expectations

The Ed.S. degree in Counseling is a professional graduate training program wherein students encounter vulnerable client populations. Accordingly, in addition to monitoring students' coursework performance in terms of academic grades, the faculty also review students' professional deportment throughout the duration of the program. This review is guided by the ethical principles and professional standards of the American Counseling Association (ACA), the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and relevant specialized counseling associations (e.g., National Board for Certified Counselors).

Professional functioning is evaluated across multiple domains that reflect these ethical frameworks. These include (but are not limited to):

- Personal and interpersonal functioning and development
- Commitment to the profession
- Ethics and integrity
- Sensitivity to client issues
- Openness to feedback
- Use of supervision

Some students may not be able to continue in or complete the program should the program faculty determine that, despite acceptable grades, the students cannot consistently align with the professional expectations of the program.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

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

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge in professional identity, social and cultural diversity; human growth and development, career development;

helping relationships; group work, assessment; and research and program evaluation.

2. Demonstrate knowledge and skills in the foundations of clinical mental health counseling or school counseling.
3. Demonstrate curricular experiences in the contextual dimensions of community and school.
4. Demonstrate knowledge and skill requirements for clinical mental health counselors or school counselors.

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.