

COUNSELOR EDUCATION
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION (M. ED.)

COUNSELING PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Counselor Education Program at Southeastern Louisiana University is designed to prepare graduates for professional practice in the field of counseling. There are three program concentration curricula in the Counseling Program (School Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling). All program concentrations are nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Graduates of all concentrations meet the current academic requirements for state licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Louisiana as well as most other states.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to the Counselor Education master's degree program an applicant must:

1. Initially satisfy all Southeastern Louisiana University graduate admission requirements (Consult the Southeastern General Catalogue for admission requirements).
2. Complete nine (9) hours of undergraduate or graduate study in behavioral studies (eg. psychology, sociology, social work, etc.) and three (3) hours in statistics.
3. Obtain a score of at least 1,250 points based on the formula:
 $(200 \times \text{GPA}^*) + \text{GRE Verbal Score} + \text{GRE Quantitative Score} = 1,250$.
*the higher of the cumulative or last sixty undergraduate hours
The GRE scores used in the above calculation are based on scores issued prior to August 2011. If you have taken the GRE after July 2011 you will need to convert your scores using the concordance table located on the GRE website.
4. Submit a completed application portfolio to the Counseling Program Admissions Committee by the specified due date which includes the following:
 - a. A letter requesting consideration for program admission to a Counselor Education Program concentration (School Counseling, Community Counseling, or Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling), including the applicant's reasons for selecting that particular program concentration.
 - b. A current resume including full name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, academic experiences, prior related work experiences, degrees held, honors, awards, special interests, and other appropriate information.
 - c. Three (3) reference forms from individuals familiar with the applicant's academic abilities and potential for success as a professional counselor.
 - d. An autobiographical narrative showing evidence of life experiences and personal maturity indicating appropriateness for the counseling field.
5. Upon evaluation of program application portfolios, qualified applicants will be invited to participate in a mandatory one-day Admissions interview. (At the discretion of the Counseling Program Admissions Committee, international students, or individuals residing in distant states may be afforded a telephone interview in lieu of participation in the one-day on-campus interview.)

PROGRAM APPLICATION ADMISSION DEADLINES

The application portfolio submission due date for consideration for admission to the counseling program in the summer or fall semester of each year is April 1. The submission due date for the application portfolio for fall admission is June 30. Applicants for fall admission may apply for either the April 1 or June 30 deadline. The submission due date for the application portfolio for program admission in the spring semester of each year is November 1. All materials must be received by the Graduate Coordinator by these dates in order for the applicant to attend the admissions interview.

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Admission to the counseling program and each program concentration is selective and requires a favorable evaluation by the Counseling Program Admissions Committee. Within two weeks after participation in the program admission interview, applicants will be notified that they are either accepted for admission or not accepted for admission.

GUEST STUDENT POLICY

Enrollment in all counseling courses (i.e. CED, MCFC, SAC, or HD courses) is limited to those formally admitted to the Counseling Program with the following exceptions: (1) Graduates of Southeastern's Counseling Program may take any class offered through the Counseling Program; (2) Certified school counselors, LPCs, LPC interns, LMFTs, and LMFT interims may be allowed to take these selective non-clinical courses without formal admission to the program; (3) Students who are in good standing in another counseling program are allowed to take non-clinical courses. Students must obtain permission from their home institution and submit a Verification of Good Standing form; (4) Graduates of CACREP-accredited master's programs may take courses, including clinical courses, required for post-master's certification. Note: Eligibility to take courses does not guarantee that courses will be offered or are open. Class sizes are limited, and Southeastern students are given priority in class enrollment.

COUNSELING PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Program policies and procedures are detailed in the Counseling Program Handbook, which is available on-line. Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to the handbook.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF THE MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION (ALL COUNSELING PROGRAM CONCENTRATIONS)

To receive the Master of education degree in counseling, students must:

1. Complete all course work and requirements stated in the degree plan, including practicum and internship. Students in all concentrations must complete a 600-hour internship with at least 240 face-to-face client contact hours. These internships must be taken over 2 semesters, and students must register for 3 hours each semester.
2. Participate in a pre-internship screening interview and receive endorsement from the Counseling Faculty Supervision Committee to enroll in internship.
3. Demonstrate knowledge and mastery of appropriate skills, ethical issues, and professional behavior throughout the program.
4. Participate in an exit interview during the last semester of internship.
5. Earn a passing score on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE) in their last semester in the program.

COUNSELING PROGRAM CONCENTRATION CURRICULA

Counseling Program Core Courses – 39 hours (Required for all concentrations)

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| Human Development 600..... | 3 hours |
| Human Development 601..... | 3 hours |
| Human Development 604..... | 3 hours |
| Human Development 608..... | 3 hours |
| Human Development 625..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 603..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 605 ⁺ | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 607..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 609..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 610..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 642..... | 3 hours |
| Substance Abuse Counseling 619..... | 3 hours |
| Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling 621..... | 3 hours |

+ A grade of "B" or better required.

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (21 hours)

(Specialty Concentration)

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| Counselor Education 613..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 627..... | 3 hours |
| Substance Abuse Counseling 631..... | 3 hours |
| Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling 626..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 683..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 693..... | 6 hours |

Only 1 course per semester can be taken with internship

Marriage and Family Therapy (21 hours)

(Specialty Concentration)

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| Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling 610..... | 3 hours |
| Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling 622..... | 3 hours |
| Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling 626..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 627..... | 3 hours |
| Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling 683..... | 3 hours |
| Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling 693..... | 6 hours |

Only 1 course per semester can be taken with internship

School Counseling (21 hours)

(Specialty Concentration)

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| Counselor Education 627..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 629..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 611..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 623..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 680..... | 3 hours |
| Counselor Education 690..... | 6 hours |

Only 1 course per semester can be taken with internship