**Emphasis - School Counseling**

- M.Ed. in Counselor Education
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**M.Ed. in Counselor Education**

**Description**
The M.Ed. in counselor education must be completed with an option in (a) clinical mental health counseling; (b) college counseling, or (c) school counseling. The program requires satisfactory completion of courses and course experiences, development of basic counseling skills, performance in practicum and internship, and demonstration of specific clinical competencies beyond class requirements.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 60**

**Goals/Mission Statement**
The general objective of the M.Ed. in counseling is to prepare students to be professional counselors. The counselor education faculty believe that the development of a strong professional identity, a rich knowledge base, and expertise in the skills of counseling are essential to becoming a professional counselor. The program’s first priority is to serve the people of Mississippi by providing highly qualified counselors.

**Course Requirements**
To complete the M.Ed. in counselor education, a student must complete the following core courses and also complete specific courses for the specialization option in (a) clinical mental health counseling; (b) college counseling, or (c) school counseling.

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Other Academic Requirements

Along with the scholarship aspect of the program, which is the mastery of academic content, the master's program in counselor education requires students to demonstrate competencies in the core competency areas outlined in the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) 2016 Standards.

All master's degree students in the counselor education program are required to pass the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE). Students may retake the CPCE only twice.

**Emphasis - School Counseling**

**Description**

The M.Ed. in counselor education/school counseling option requires that all students successfully complete a range of program experiences. Graduates of this program should be prepared for counselor positions in K-12 schools.

**Course Requirements**

Beyond the M.Ed. counselor education core courses, the school counseling option requires the following courses:

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Other Academic Requirements

Mastery of the content knowledge is assessed in many ways throughout the program. One specific milestone for assessing student’s mastery of content knowledge is the program comprehensive examination. All master’s degree students in the Counselor Education Program are required to earn a passing score on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) in order to graduate from the program.

In addition to demonstrating mastery of content knowledge, students must also demonstrate development of basic counseling skills and demonstration of counseling and track-specific dispositions and competencies beyond class requirements. All master’s degree students in the Counselor Education Program are required to successfully complete practicum and internship in order to graduate from the program.