

Emphasis - School Counseling

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M.Ed. in Counselor Education **Description**

The M.Ed. in counselor education must be completed with either an option in school counseling or community 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: 48

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 either the option in school counseling or community counseling.

Basic Counseling Core

	Credits
Coun 601. Lifespan Development	3
Coun 605. Research in Counseling	3
Coun 610. Addictions Counseling	3
Coun 621. Assessment	3
Coun 639. Introduction to Professional Counseling	3
Coun 643. Group Procedures	3
Coun 670. Multicultural Counseling	3
Coun 672. Issues and Ethics in Counseling	3
Coun 680. Career Counseling	3
Coun 682. Family Counseling	3
Coun 683. Counseling Theory	3
Coun 690. Counseling Skills	3

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) 2001 Standards.

All master's degree students in the counselor education program are required to pass the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE). Students will retake the CPCE until they can achieve a passing score.

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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 course: Coun 688-Organization, Administration, and Consultation in School Counseling.

