

# Ph.D. in Counselor Education

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## Description

The doctoral program in counselor education is located in the Department of Leadership and Counselor Education in the NCATE-accredited School of Education. The program's academic and experiential requirements meet the accreditation requirements of the Council for the Accreditation of Counselor and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 96**

## Goals/Mission Statement

The Ph.D. in counselor education prepares a graduate to become a counselor educator.

## Course Requirements

Course requirements for the Ph.D. in counselor education include - Coun 783-Advanced Counseling Theory - Coun 794-Advanced Group Counseling - Edrs 701-Educational Statistics II - Coun 687-First-year Seminar (twice for credit) - Coun 750-Research and Publication in Counselor Education - Coun 753-Supervision of Counseling Services - Coun 793-Advanced Practicum - Coun 795-Internship (12 hours) - Edld 662-College Teaching - Coun 751-Qualitative Perspectives in Counselor Education - Coun 754-Advanced Clinical Supervision - Coun 752-Qualitative Methods and Analysis for Counselor Educators - Edrs 705-Educational Research II - Coun 797-Dissertation (18 hours)

Students will develop a minimum of one core content area specialization and a counseling major specialization in community or school counseling. Core content area specializations involve developing advanced level competencies in courses that correspond to the eight core content areas described in CACREP accreditation standards and play therapy. Counseling major specializations involve developing advanced level competencies in courses designed to fulfill requirements for master's level counseling majors in school or community counseling. The above course list gives the standard program requirements, but specific requirements will be developed individually to best fit students' objectives and prior experiences. This is outlined more specifically in the Counselor Education Doctoral Handbook.

## Other Academic Requirements

Students must complete a comprehensive examination, a dissertation prospectus, and prepare and defend a dissertation.

