

## 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: 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 either the option in school counseling or clinical mental health counseling.

Required Courses	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 Theories*	3
COUN 690 Counseling Skills*	3

#### **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.

### **Emphasis - School Counseling** **Description**

The M.Ed. in counselor education must be completed with an emphasis in either school counseling or clinical mental health counseling. The program requires satisfactory completion of a minimum of 48 credits. Specific requirements include satisfactory completion of courses and course experiences, development of basic counseling skills, performance in practicum and internship, and demonstration of specific competencies beyond class requirements.

#### **Course Requirements**

To complete the M.Ed. in counselor education with an emphasis in school counseling, a student must complete the following core courses and also complete specific courses for the emphasis in school counseling.

#### **Basic Counseling Core**

Required Courses	Credits
COUN 601 Lifespan Development	3
COUN 605 Research in Counseling	3



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COUN 610 Addictions Counseling	3
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COUN 643 Group Procedures*	3
COUN 670 Multicultural Counseling	3
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COUN 680 Career Counseling*	3
COUN 682 Family Counseling	3
COUN 683 Counseling Theories*	3
COUN 690 Counseling Skills*	3

### **School Counseling Specialization**

<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>
COUN 686 Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
COUN 688 Organization, Administration, and Consultation in School Counseling	3

### **Other Academic Requirements**

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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.

