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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 **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.

Basic Counseling Core

	Credits
Coun 601 Lifespan Development	3
Coun 603 Counseling Skills	3
Coun 605 Research in Counseling	3
Coun 606 Counseling Theories	3
Coun 607 Group Procedures	3
Coun 608 Issues and Ethics in Counseling	3
Coun 609 Multicultural Counseling	3
Coun 611 Assessment	3
Coun 640 Career Counseling	3
Coun 642 Crisis Intervention	3

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialization

	Credits
Coun 612 Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
Coun 613 Diagnostic Systems in Counseling	3
Coun 614 Family Counseling	3
Coun 615 Addictions Counseling	3
Coun 617 Pre-Practicum and Advanced Skills	3
Coun 644 Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
Coun 662 Practicum in Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
Coun 664 Internship in Clinical Mental Health Counseling	6
Electives	3

School Counseling Specialization

	Credits
Coun 630 Foundations of School Counseling	3
Coun 644 Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
Coun 614 Family Counseling	3
Coun 661 Practicum in School Counseling	3
Coun 663 Internship in School Counseling	6
Electives	3

College Counseling Specialization

	Credits
Coun 626 Foundations of College Counseling	3
Coun 617 Pre-Practicum and Advanced Skills	3
Coun 613 Diagnostic Systems in Counseling	3
Coun 627 College Student Development & College Counseling	3
Coun 628 Issues & Interventions in College Counseling	3
Coun 614 Family Counseling	3
Coun 615 Addictions Counseling	3
Coun 693 Practicum in College Counseling	3
Coun 695 Internship in Counseling	6



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.

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The M.Ed. in counselor education/clinical mental health counseling option requires that students complete a range of program experiences. Graduates of this program are prepared to become community counselors in public and private community settings.

Course Requirements

Beyond the core course requirements for the M.Ed. program, the clinical mental health counseling option also requires the following courses:

Clinical Mental Health	Credits
Coun 612. Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
Coun 617. Pre-Practicum and Advanced Skills	3
Coun 613. Diagnostic Systems in Counseling	3
Coun 644. Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
Coun 614. Family Counseling	3
Coun 615. Addictions Counseling	3
Coun 662. Practicum	3
Coun 664. Internship	6
Electives	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.

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.

