

## Emphasis - School Counseling Leadership

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### Ed.S. in Counselor Education Description

The Ed.S. in counselor education is designed specifically for school counselors. Completion of this degree will partially fulfill requirements in the state of Mississippi for AAA school counselor licensure.

#### Minimum Total Credit Hours: 25

#### Course Requirements

The Ed.S. in counselor education requires a master's degree in school counseling from an accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA. One year of school counseling experience prior to start of the program is also required along with proof of a school counseling license from a State Department of Education.

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The Educational Specialist degree in counseling is a 30-credit-hour, online curriculum designed to provide advanced training for professional school counselors in elementary, middle, and high school settings. This advanced degree program will focus on training school counseling district-level leaders who use data, build partnerships, and advocate for all students. Additionally, this program will assist students to meet the requirements for a higher-tiered educator licensure (e.g., MS AAA). Opportunities for counselors in school settings to seek other advanced credentials, such as National Certified Counselor (NCC) status will also be available.

#### Course Requirements

The Ed.S. program is available for students who already hold a master's degree in school counseling. The program entails five semesters of part-time graduate study and has four primary foci:

(1) Provide training in school leadership, student advocacy, and supervision, (2) Prepare students to meet requirements to obtain a higher-tiered educator's license, (3) Prepare students to further their knowledge and understanding of leadership and advanced school counseling models, (4) Provide students with further opportunities for advanced credentials such as National Certified Counselor (NCC).

#### Leadership Cognate (18 hours)

- Coun 637-Leadership, Advocacy & Accountability in SC (3)
- Coun 714-Supervision in School Counseling (3)
- Edld 610-Mission Vision and Core Values (3)
- Edld 616-Data-Informed Leadership (3)
- Edld 617-School Law and Leadership (3)
- Coun 715-Collaborative Principal-School Counselor Preparation (3)

#### Student Advocacy Cognate (9 hours)

- Coun 713-Multicultural Considerations in Child and Adolescent Counseling (3)
- Coun 716-Trauma Informed Schools (3)
- Coun 717-Working with Individuals with Disabilities (3)

#### Internship Cognate (3 hours)

- Coun 718-Advanced School Counseling Internship (3)

### Other Academic Requirements

#### Admissions Requirements:

License/Certification: Must hold current and active individual state license (or certification). Licensed school counselors must submit their state certificates from their State Department of Education.

Educational Degrees: Must have earned a master's or higher in school counseling from an accredited institution of higher education.

School Counseling Experience: Must have completed at least one year of professional school counseling experience in a K-12 setting. Proof of current professional liability insurance Criminal Background Check Deadline April 01 Apply at [gradschool.olemiss.edu](https://gradschool.olemiss.edu)

