Leadership & Counselor Education

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Overview
The Department of Leadership and Counselor Education offers graduate degrees in three general areas: higher education, K-12 leadership, and counselor education. These graduate degrees are a Master of Arts (M.A.) in higher education/student personnel, a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in higher education, a Master of Education (M.Ed.) and Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in educational leadership, a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in education with emphasis in educational leadership/K-12, and a Master of Education (M.Ed.), Education Specialist (Ed.S.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in counselor education.

Accreditation
The M.A. program is aligned with program guidelines as outlined by the Council on Academic Standards (CAS) of the American College Personnel Association. Every four to five years, the program faculty conducts a self-study of the program to assess its alignment with the standards from CAS. This maintains a relevant and current program for our students.

The M.Ed. in counselor education's academic and experiential requirements meet the accreditation requirements of the Council for the Accreditation of Counselor and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

The Ed.S. program follows the standards of NCATE and ELCC.

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).