



EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (Ed.S.) DEGREE IN COUNSELING

The Ed.S. Program is designed for persons who have completed a master’s degree in counseling and seek to increase their skills for advanced certification requirements or other professional objectives.

A. Admission to Ed.S. Study:

1. Hold a master’s degree in counseling from a CACREP accredited counseling program.
2. Apply to Graduate School and Department of Counseling by on-line application by specified application date.
3. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation.
4. Have a minimum of two (2) years of work experience as a counselor (post-master’s) and hold either a school counselor certification/endorsement or a professional counselor license.
5. Be recommended for admission by the Department of Counseling Admissions Committee.

B. Degree Requirements:

The student must complete a minimum of 70 credit hours of course work (including the master’s degree) and a successfully complete a culminating experience. All Ed.S. coursework must be approved in advance by Department of Counseling faculty. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required over all course work taken in the Ed.S. Program.

C. Major Requirements:

A minimum of 10 credits is required for the Ed.S. All coursework must be in counseling-related areas and must include:

COUN 6693	Supervision of Counselors	1 cr.
COUN 7759	Ed.S. Internship	3 cr.

Six additional credit hours will be selected in consultation with a faculty advisor and may include:

COUN 6694	Psychodiagnosis & Psychotropic Drugs	2 cr.
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D. Educational Specialist Culminating Experience

In consultation with the faculty advisor, students will either develop a written manuscript suitable for a counseling journal or similar professional publication, or will present at a professional counseling conference.

E. Time Requirement

All requirements for the Ed.S. must be completed within a period of seven (7) years from the date of completion of the first post-master's degree course to be applied toward the degree.