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 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.

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.