



# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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## CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT COUNSELING

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This two-track Certificate in School Adjustment Counseling Program is designed for those who hold a master's degree in School Counseling, Mental Health Counseling or Marriage and Family Therapy. It addresses each candidate's individual interests and needs in preparing him or her for Massachusetts licensure in School Adjustment Counseling by providing additional courses to develop counseling expertise and skills in areas relevant to work in educational settings. The program prepares candidates to successfully address the emotional, psychological, academic, and career needs of young people in schools.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a master's degree, with counseling emphasis, from an accredited college or university.
- An interview and transcript review by program coordinator.
- An educational and professional resume' reflecting the applicant's work experience.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms; references may attach a letter, but must also return the provided form. Two of these letters must be from a) the program director of the student's previous graduate program and b) from a major professor within that program. These letters must attest to and give evidence of the candidate's fitness for working with children in schools. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- A 500-1,000 word, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions:  
What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College?  
What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them?  
Is there any other information you think would help the admissions committee to evaluate your application?
- A photocopy of your teacher's license(s) (if applicable) AND scores on the Communication and Literacy portion of the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

**ADMISSION DEADLINE:** Rolling admission

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

The Certificate Program in School Adjustment Counseling consists of two tracks. The particular track that a student follows depends upon the master's degree he or she holds. Students with a Master's degree in School Counseling are considered for either the Certificate Program in Mental Health Counseling or Marriage and Family Therapy. Students with a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling or in Marriage and Family Therapy are considered for the School Adjustment Counseling Certificate Program. The study plans to be followed for each track are described below.

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSES TAKEN AT SALEM STATE COLLEGE BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed.

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## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

The specific program of study a student will follow depends upon his or her previous coursework. Two typical Plans of Study are shown below. These are examples only.

Students holding a master's degree in School Counseling will need a minimum of 27 credits toward Massachusetts licensure as a School Adjustment Counselor and Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) eligibility.

- PSY 740 Differential Diagnosis
- PSY 820 Theory and Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders

### Select one:

- PSY 720 Theories of Personality  
OR
- PSY 736N Cognitive Behavior Therapy

### Select one:

- PSY 737 Nature of Adolescence  
OR
- PSY 738 Child Development & Public Policy

### Select one:

- PSY 762 Medical Aspects of Disability  
OR
- PSY 877 Psychopharmacology
- PSY 930R Practicum 4 credits
- PSY 931R Internship (2 semesters) 8 credits

Students holding a master's degree in Mental Health or Marriage and Family Therapy will need a minimum of 15 credits toward Massachusetts licensure as a School Adjustment Counselor.

- EDU 702 Advanced Educational Psychology
- EDU 882 Multicultural Issues in Counseling
- EDU 832 Administration of Guidance and Pupil Personnel Services
- EDG 900A School Adjustment Counseling Practicum I (Fall)
- EDG 900B School Adjustment Counseling Practicum II (Spring)

Please be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the Commonwealth for specific, current licensure requirements. Students may access that information at [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu). Some students may require additional coursework to qualify for licensure.

Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies, and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.

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