



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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SCHOOL COUNSELING – INITIAL LICENSE ONLY

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program will give students who already have an academic background in counseling the opportunity to add the courses and fieldwork necessary to qualify for licensure as a School Guidance Counselor in Massachusetts. Depending on candidate's previous coursework and experience and with reference to state licensure standards, students will be advised to take the necessary courses that they need to become license eligible as School Guidance Counselors. The program will be individually tailored and approximately 9-18 credits long.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A Master's degree in Counseling or Psychology from an accredited institution of higher education
- Passing scores on the Communications and Literacy portion of the Massachusetts Test of Educational Licensure (MTEL)
- An interview and transcript review with the program coordinator
- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School office, and a \$35.00 nonrefundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a Bachelor of Arts/Science degree.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- A 500-1,000 word, type-written, 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 that you think would help the admissions committee to evaluate your application?

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Rolling Admissions

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. All candidates for this program must complete 9-18 hours of graduate course work, depending on each candidate's particular situation and needs, as described below. You should meet regularly with the program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study, as needed.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Foundation Courses:

- EDU 738 Educational Research Across the Curriculum 3
- Select One:**
- EDU 702 Advanced Educational Psychology 3
 OR
- EDU 736 Psychology of Learning 3
- Select One:**
- EDU 717 Advanced Foundations of Education 3
 OR
- PSY 735 Philosophical Foundations of Psychology 3

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

To be determined in consultation with the program coordinator. Students will take EDU 968 (A and B): Practicum in School Counseling I and II once they have completed the prerequisite competencies (including 75 hours of Pre-Practicum experience) as determined by the program coordinator.

Total Credits: 9-18

Please be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the state for specific, current licensure requirements. Students may access that information at www.doe.mass.edu.

Subsequent to publication of this flow sheet, 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.
