



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program is designed to prepare candidates to work as counselors in school settings. This program allows candidates to complete a master's degree while developing the necessary qualifications to meet the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requirements for licensure as either an elementary counselor (K-8) or a secondary counselor (5-12).

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- 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's 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 form. 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.
- Official copy of test results taken within the last five years documenting satisfactory performance on either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Those who hold a master's degree are exempt from this requirement.
- 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:
 - 1) Tell a story about an event from your personal or professional experience that has led you to seek admission into the MEd School Counseling program,
 - 2) Explain what you hope to learn in this program,
 - 3) Describe the style in which you learn best, and give an example of this type of learning,
 - 4) Address any other information about yourself that would be helpful for the admissions committee to know.

Additional requirements for the MEd – School Counseling:

- If you have a Massachusetts teaching license, please submit a copy to the graduate school.
- Submit evidence of a passing score on the Communication and Literacy portion of the Massachusetts Tests of Educator Licensure (MTEL).
- Evidence of prior coursework in 1) introductory psychology, 2) developmental psychology, 3) human behavior, and 4) measurement/evaluation. In exceptional circumstances, admission to the program may be granted contingent upon early completion of these courses after acceptance.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall Admission: June 1 | Spring Admission: October 1 | Summer Admission: February 1

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSES TAKEN BEFORE ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THE DEGREE. You should be in close contact with the coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study, as needed.

All candidates for the MEd – School Counseling must complete 1) a minimum of 48 credit hours of graduate course work, as described below, and 2) a comprehensive exam usually taken after most course work has been completed.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
All courses are three (3) credits unless otherwise noted.

Foundations and Research: (9 credits)

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

Counseling and Guidance Courses: (39 credits)

- PSY 731 Counseling Theory & Practice I 3
- PSY 732 Counseling Theory & Practice II 3
- PSY 733 Principles of Psychological Testing 3
- EDU 735N Career Education & Development: Information, Planning & Placement 3
- PSY 739 Developmental Psychopathology 3
- PSY 741 Group Counseling 3
- OR
- PSY 878 The Psychology of Small Group Leadership 3
- PSY 757N Marital Couples & Family Counseling 3
- PSY 777R Legal and Ethical Issues 3
- EDU 882 Multicultural Issues in Counseling 3
- EDU 968A School Counseling Practicum Fall* 3
- EDU 968B School Counseling Practicum Spring* 3
- EDU 832A Administration of Guidance and Counseling Services 3
- EDU 734 Measurement of Intelligence (Wechsler/Recommended for Elementary School Counselors) 3
- OR
- One elective course related to program interest 3

Total Credits: 48

*The pre-practicum and practicum experience require that the student be available for 525 hours during school over two semesters. Candidates for educational licensure must take and pass the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

Please note: 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.

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