School Counseling

All master’s degree programs (on-campus and online formats) are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs through March 31, 2024.

The doctoral program concentration in counseling and counselor education is accredited by the by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs through March 31, 2024.

Admission Requirements

Admissions Requirements for Master’s Programs (on-campus and online programs):

• Completed online application, resume, personal statement/goals, and non-refundable application fee
• We are no longer requiring the GRE Scores/MAT Scores for our masters program
• 3 recommendations from people who know your academic record and potential for graduate study (letters should be uploaded online)
• Official transcripts of all post-secondary education
• Official** statement of English Proficiency (TOEFL) for international students

Applicants are expected to have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Master’s Degree Requirements

For master's degree concentrations, admission is limited in order to maintain faculty student interaction in didactic classes, for supervision in practica and for informal contact. Generally, class size averages between 20 and 25 in didactic, 4-5 in practica, and the advising ratio is approximately 1 to 10.

The Master’s of Education Degree (M.Ed.) is primarily a practitioner-oriented master’s and is offered in the on-campus program or DE online program. The Department of Counselor Education offers three programs of study leading to the Master of Education Degree:

• Clinical Mental Health Counseling (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/education/clinical-mental-health-counseling/clinical-mental-health-counseling-med/),
• College Counseling and Student Development (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/education/college-counseling-student-development/college-counseling-student-development-med/), and
• School Counseling (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/education/school-counseling/school-counseling-med/).

Degrees earned will be distributed as: “Master of Education” without program of study specifications. Programs of study will only be printed on transcripts.

These programs of study require a minimum of 60 credits. Students who complete the program will be eligible to sit for the National Counselor Examination (NCE). Students in the School Counseling program are also eligible for licensure as school counselors in North Carolina (providing they pass the counseling PRAXIS examination).

Student Financial Support

At NC State, our goal is to assure that no student who can benefit from an NC State education be denied that opportunity due to finances.