COUN Counseling Education

COUN 7131 Student Affairs in Higher Education
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Covers the student services associated with divisions of student affairs in higher education settings. It is designed to trace the development of student services, to understand the philosophy, and to explore the issues that face student affairs professionals in higher education settings.

COUN 7132 Contemporary College Student
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Examines trends and changes in the characteristics of college students and institutions they attend (cohort changes), research issues related to college impact research (student change) and emerging theories and methodologies that address the consequences of attending college. It is intended to provide a broad introduction to research on students in a broad range of developmental and sociological areas.

COUN 7133 Administration and Leadership in Higher Education
Student Services
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Introduces student to the administrative aspects of student affairs. It will include an overview of organizational structures, organizational change, personnel issues, leadership, program planning and evaluation, selected legal and ethical issues, and basic budget information. It also includes strategies related to professional development.

COUN 7134 Ethical and Professional Issues in Student Services
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Designed to inform students in some depth of ethical standards, laws, ordinances and statutes that govern professional behavior. Specific topics and cases explored will include professional practice and ethics involving professional responsibilities, confidentiality and violations. Also addressed will be licensure laws, as well as, parameters of related practice procedures.
Prerequisite(s): COUN 7131.

COUN 7231 Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides an overview of clinical mental health counseling. Includes a survey of theoretical foundations, research and practice, and ethical and legal issues in clinical mental health counseling. Topics covered include the role of the clinical mental health counselor, prevention and education, client advocacy, referral practices, consultation, and the adaptation of clinical mental health counseling models in community mental health agencies.

COUN 7232 Addictions Counseling
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Surveys aspects of a range of addictions and educates students about the process of addictions counseling including skills and strategies needed to provide addictions counseling. Addresses the role counselors, teachers, and other professionals can play in prevention, treatment, and the recovery process including community resources.
Prerequisite(s): Permission from the instructor is required for students not accepted into the COUN program.

COUN 7233 Family Counseling
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Examines the family through an ecological approach, including how clients exist within their various systems. Students' awareness of their own family's system is used as a base from which they can develop an approach for understanding and working with families. The use of family counseling techniques in a variety of settings will also be examined.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in COUN 7332; Permission from the instructor is required for students not accepted into the COUN program.

COUN 7234 Counseling Psychodiagnosis
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course addresses the nomenclature and criteria used in the assessment of mental health diagnoses from a mental health and wellness perspective. Students will develop an understanding of the professional identity and role of counselors as it relates to diagnosis and intervention. Students will develop a knowledge base for treatment planning and treatment documentation.
Prerequisite(s): Permission from the instructor is required for students not accepted into the COUN program.

COUN 7235 Short Term Counseling Strategies
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course provides an in-depth look at the theory and practice of brief counseling therapies as applied to counseling practice. Students will be presented with models of short-term counseling interventions.
Prerequisite(s): Permission from the instructor is required for students not accepted into the COUN program.

COUN 7236 Counseling and Sexuality
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The course explores the interaction of biological, sociological, and cultural issues related to sexuality and counseling. This course examines the expression of human sexuality across the life span from a sex positive perspective, attitudes about sexuality, and possible counseling strategies and interventions.
Prerequisite(s): Permission from the instructor is required for students not accepted into the COUN program.

COUN 7237 Theories of Counseling
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course explores a range of counseling theories, as well as the nature and process of counseling. Provides a foundation from which students can build a personal philosophy of counseling.

COUN 7238 Counseling Skills and Techniques
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course focuses on teaching students a variety of basic and advanced counseling skills through role play and other experiential activities.
Prerequisite(s): Permission from the instructor is required for students not accepted into the COUN program.

COUN 7239 Group Counseling and Group Work
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course addresses group development, group dynamics, and group counseling techniques through role play and other experiential activities. Group counseling methods and skills used in group work are also addressed.

COUN 7240 Counseling Assessment and Appraisal
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course addresses counseling tests and assessments including cognitive, personal, career, and clinical assessments. Students learn about test selection, administration, and interpretation from experiential activities.
Prerequisite(s): Permission from the instructor is required for students not accepted into the COUN program.

COUN 7241 Career Counseling
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course addresses the world of work from a counseling perspective. Students learn to facilitate career development based on knowledge of career theories, career assessments and strategies, and career-related resources.
COUN 7337 Multicultural Counseling
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course addresses multicultural counseling models and fosters counseling skill development using a social justice and advocacy framework. Emphasis is placed on expanding self-awareness, knowledge, and skill development using experiential activities.
Prerequisite(s): Permission from the instructor is required for students not accepted into the COUN program.

COUN 7338 Life Span Development
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course addresses developmental theory and processes throughout the life span. Physical, cognitive, and social/emotional dimensions of human development are explored through a wellness, strengths-based lens.

COUN 7437 School Counseling Program Coordination and Curriculum
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course examines the organization of comprehensive, developmental school counseling programs in the elementary, middle and high schools, as well as the design and implementation of the school counseling curriculum for grades P-12. The counselor's role as program coordinator focuses upon needs assessments, curriculum planning and implementation, time and resource management, public relations, and program evaluation. Ethical and diversity issues are emphasized in designing curricula and delivery strategies to address the developmental needs of all students.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in COUN 7445.

COUN 7445 Ethics and Foundations of School Counseling
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The course is designed to introduce students to the ethical standards that govern the school counseling profession. The course also is designed to introduce students to the profession of school counseling and a comprehensive, developmental school counseling program. The history and development of the profession, national associations, and standards for counselor preparation and credentials are examined as well as school counselor roles, functions and responsibilities. Special attention will be given to students' introduction to school systems through field observations, inclusive of the concepts of advocacy and social justice.
Prerequisite(s): Prior or concurrent enrollment in COUN 7332 with a minimum grade of "C".

COUN 7448 Leadership, Consultation and Intervention in the Schools
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course provides a general framework for understanding and practicing various theories and models of consultation and potential interventions in P-12 systems. Designed to train school counselors how to intervene with children and adolescents presenting with learning disabilities and behavioral and emotional disorders at school, strategies are explored that counselors, teachers, and parents can use to prevent, recognize, and assist students at risk of developing emotional or behavioral barriers to learning connected to abuse, violence, addictions, childhood depression, suicide, etc. The role of leadership in school reform as it pertains to the issues and barriers which may affect student development and functioning are explored. This course is designed to be taken concurrently with Internship I as field experience is integral to the course work.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in COUN 7445 and COUN 7437, permission of the instructor.
Corequisite(s): COUN 7738, COUN 7739.

COUN 7449 Family/School/Community Collaboration
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course will serve as a culminating experience for the student's work in the school counseling program. Previous topics will be reinforced and integrated, providing the student with a comprehensive knowledge base in professional school counseling that will facilitate his or her transition into the field. A systemic perspective of schools and the counselor's role as a coordinator and change agent will be emphasized. Special attention will be given to the concept of advocacy and the priorities of creating a comprehensive, developmental school counseling program that meets the needs of all students. This course is designed to be taken concurrently with Internship II, as field experience is an integral component of the course work. As a capstone experience, students will present a cumulative portfolio of their work at the conclusion of this course.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in COUN 7445 and a minimum grade of "C" in COUN 7437 or COUN 7432.

COUN 7737 Counseling Practicum
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Areas covered in this course are application and critical evaluation of all counseling skills in practical situations with provision of clinical experiences under supervision for a total of 100 clock hours, 40 of which will be direct service work with clients. Individual and group counseling will be audio and/or video taped, critiques and evaluated.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "B" in COUN 7332 and COUN 7333.

COUN 7738 Counseling Internship I
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Primary emphasis is on the integration of process, conceptual, professional and personal skills. Internship provides extensive supervised on-the-job experience in a school, community, or college counseling setting closely aligned with the student's professional career goals. The student is required to complete 300 hours of field experience.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "B" in COUN 7332, COUN 7333, COUN 7334, and COUN 7737.

COUN 7739 Counseling Internship II
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Primary emphasis is on the integration of process, conceptual, professional and personal skills. Internship provides extensive supervised on-the-job experience in a school, community or college counseling setting closely aligned with the student's professional career goals. The student is required to complete 300 hours of field experience.
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "B" in COUN 7332, COUN 7333, and COUN 7334.

COUN 7798 Internship I in Higher Education
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Hours. 3-6 Lab Hours.
Provides 300 hours of supervised field experience for students in higher education student services program. The scope and objectives will be determined on an individual basis by the professor, the student and the field supervisor. COUN 7798 will be completed at the first site.
Prerequisite(s): 27 semester hours of course work in the program.

COUN 7799 Internship II in Higher Education
3 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hours.
Provides 300 hours of supervised field experience for students in higher education student services program. The scope and objectives will be determined on an individual basis by the professor, the student, and the field supervisor. COUN 7799 will be completed at the second site.

COUN 7890 Directed Individual Study
1-3 Credit Hours. 1-3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Permits specialization beyond regular course content through in-depth study of individually selected topics of interest and importance in higher education student services. The study will be directed by the instructor.
Prerequisite(s): 12 semester hours of course work in the program.
COUN 8533  Professional Practice and Ethics  
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.  
Informs students of ethical standards, laws, ordinances, and statues that 
govern professional behavior of counselors in schools and in community/ 
mental health settings. Specific topics explored will include professional 
practice and ethics involving professional relationships, the impact of 
values, confidentiality, violations and licensure laws.  

COUN 8536  Counseling Advocacy and Systemic Change in a 
Diverse Society  
3 Credit Hours.  3 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.  
Designed to provide students with the knowledge about counseling 
advocacy and social change necessary for creating effective learning 
practices and environments. Students will acquire an understanding of 
the social, economic, and political factors which influence and shape 
the counselor's role in diverse institutional settings such as schools and 
community agencies. The course examines the role of the counselor as 
a change agent in eliminating systemic barriers that impede student and 
client success. 
Prerequisite(s): Admission to Ed.S. program or instructor's permission.  

COUN 8538  Advanced Group Development and Supervision  
3 Credit Hours.  2 Lecture Hours.  1 Lab Hour.  
Emphasis is placed on principles of group leadership and group processes 
at the theoretical and applied levels. Supervised practice in leading and/or 
co-leading groups in counseling is included.  
Prerequisite(s): A minimum grade of "C" in COUN 7334.  

COUN 8590  Selected Topics in Counseling  
1-6 Credit Hours.  1-6 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.  
Participants examine selected topics in the areas of school, community, 
and college counseling. Course focuses on the specialized needs of 
Professional Counselors in public, school, community agency, and post-
secondary educational settings.  

COUN 8737  Clinical Counseling Supervision  
3 Credit Hours.  0 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.  
Advanced clinical experience in application of supervision theories, tools 
and techniques in counseling. Includes monitored experience in the 
supervision of counseling.  
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.  

COUN 8839  Action Research  
3 Credit Hours.  0 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.  
Each student will implement a research study based on the proposal 
prepared in the field based Educational Research class. The study should 
be related to a practical problem in a professional practice setting. An oral 
presentation of the study is required. Students are limited to register for 
this course twice during the program of study.  

COUN 8890  Directed Individual Study  
1-3 Credit Hours.  0 Lecture Hours.  0 Lab Hours.  
This course permits specialization beyond regular course content through 
in-depth study of individually selected topics of interest and importance in 
counselor education. The study will be directed by the instructor.  
Prerequisite(s): Permission of advisor.