Counselor Education M.Ed.

Degree Requirements: 60 Credit Hours

Program Intent
The Counselor Education program prepares counselors to work in school and community settings. There are two degree program concentrations based on educational background and career goals, and both concentrations are accredited by CACREP:

Concentration One
School Counseling - This concentration is designed for people who wish to work as school counselors. The concentration is designed for graduates to meet the requirements for school counseling certification in Georgia.

Concentration Two
Clinical Mental Health Counseling - This concentration is designed for people who wish to work as clinical mental health counselors in community agency settings (public, private, or non-profit).

Admission Requirements
Note: Admission to the graduate program is required. Non-degree status to achieve initial certification is not permitted.

Regular
1. Complete requirements for a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Present a cumulative 2.50 (4.0 scale) grade point average or higher on all undergraduate and graduate work combined.
3. Submit a personal statement of purpose, not to exceed 1000 words, that identifies the applicant's reasons for pursuing graduate study and how admission into the program relates to the applicant's professional goals and aspirations.
4. Submit a current resume.
5. Submit a completed “Disclosure and Affirmation Form” that addresses misconduct disclosure, criminal background check, the Code of Ethics for Educators, and tort liability insurance.
6. Participate in an on-campus interview.
7. For Concentration One, School Counseling, pass the GACE Program Admission Assessment.

Provisional
Applicants may be approved for provisional admission based on the quality of the admission material presented. Provisional students must earn grades of B or higher in their first nine (9) credits of course work after admission and meet any other stipulations outlined by the department to be converted to regular status.

Acquiring School Counseling Certification for People who Already Hold a Master's Degree
1. People who hold a master's degree in an area other than School Counseling may qualify for the School Counselor Level Five Certificate by completing the M.Ed. in Counselor Education, School Counseling Concentration One. Up to three courses from a previous master's program may be applied toward degree requirements.

Concentration One: School Counseling, 60 Credit Hours

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- COUN 7233 Family Counseling
- COUN 7234 Counseling Psychodiagnosis
- COUN 7235 Short Term Counseling Strategies
- COUN 7445 Ethics and Foundations of School Counseling Foundations of School Counseling
- COUN 7437 School Counseling Program Coordination and Curriculum
- COUN 7448 Leadership, Consultation and Intervention in the Schools
- COUN 7738 Counseling Internship I
- COUN 7739 Counseling Internship II
- COUN 8533 Professional Practice and Ethics
- ESPY 8135 Crisis Intervention and Prevention

Total Credit Hours 60

Concentration Two: Clinical Mental Health Counseling, 60 Credit Hours

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Clinical Mental Health Counseling Requirements
- COUN 7231 Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- COUN 7232 Addictions Counseling
- COUN 7233 Family Counseling
- COUN 7234 Counseling Psychodiagnosis
- COUN 7235 Short Term Counseling Strategies
- COUN 7236 Counseling and Sexuality
- COUN 7738 Counseling Internship I
COUN 7739  Counseling Internship II  3
COUN 8533  Professional Practice and Ethics  3
ESPY 8135  Crisis Intervention and Prevention  3

Total Credit Hours  60

Other Program Requirements
- For all concentrations, successful completion of assessments identified at each program transition point and successful completion of a Professional Portfolio Examination.
- Maintain an active account with the COE electronic data management system.
- For Concentration One, claim Georgia Southern University as your program provider in your MyPSC Account during your first term of enrollment (see information under MyPSC Account in Graduate Catalog, College of Education).

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