

# EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY®

## College of Education

### Master of Science in Counselor Education

This minimum 60-semester hour clinical program prepares graduates for work as professional counselors in a variety of settings. The program includes three professional specializations accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and recognized by the International Registry of Counselor Education Programs (IRCEP):

- **Clinical Mental Health Counseling**
- **School Counseling**
- **Student Affairs & College Counseling**

Students complete 45 semester hours of required courses and 15 semester hours of electives. Many students complete a primary professional specialization and a secondary specialization allowing for maximum flexibility over the trajectory of graduates' careers. Students work closely with faculty advisors and have many opportunities for community engagement, service-learning, participation in professional presentations, collaborative research with faculty, and professional service.



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# MS IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION

So, you are interested in becoming a counselor and you think ECU might have the right program for you. You may find that you still have some questions. We are happy to speak with you to discuss your options further, or you may find some useful information below.

## WHEN ARE CLASSES HELD?

Since the program is online, classes are either synchronous or asynchronous. Synchronous classes usually meet virtually once a week for 2-3 hours.

## WHAT CLINICAL EXPERIENCES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROGRAM?

The program includes a supervised counseling practicum and two counseling internships. Practicum requires 100 hours and is completed during the spring semester of your first year. Both internships are taken during your final year and require 300 hours per semester.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Applicants should apply through the ECU Graduate School online application. The application includes a statement of intent, 3 letters of reference, and the online application. Faculty review applications and select applicants to participate in the interview stage of the application process.

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM

Most students complete the program in 2 to 2.5 years, including summer school.

For more information, visit the Masters of Science in Counselor Education website at <https://education.ecu.edu/idp/counselor-education/>