Graduate Certificate in School Counseling

Program Quick Facts

• **What is the Certificate in School Counseling?** A certificate program that will prepare counseling professionals for a position as a school counselor at the elementary, middle, or high school level.

• **Who should apply for the certificate?** Counseling professionals who hold a master’s degree in a different counseling specialization from a CACREP-accredited program (accredited at the time of graduation) and are seeking licensure in North Carolina as a school counselor.

• **Why is this for me?** This certificate is intended to increase awareness of the roles and responsibilities of school counselors in accordance with the ASCA National Model and to adequately prepare counselors to demonstrate culturally responsive practices, delivering a comprehensive school counseling program that is equitable for all students.

• **How is it offered?** Our courses are offered completely online, including synchronous and asynchronous courses.

• **How long does it take?** Most complete the program in one full year, including two summer sessions.

• **Will the coursework allow me to become licensed as a school counselor?** Yes, the curriculum is in accordance with the NC Department of Public Instruction.

**Curriculum**
Students will complete 12 semester hours of required courses and an internship experience. The internship requires placement in a school setting and a total of 600 clock hours, to include at least 240 clock hours of direct service.

- COAD 6406: Counseling in Schools (3 semester hours).
- COAD 6370: Counseling Children & Adolescents (3 semester hours).
- COAD 6991: Counseling Internship I (3 semester hours).
- COAD 6992: Counseling Internship II (3 semester hours).
Program Information

“There is no better time to become a professional school counselor! Given the increased need for school counselors, this certificate program will equip students to be culturally competent professional school counselors and effective change agents.”

Ami C. Waller, PhD, NCC
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Admission requirements
1. You must currently hold a graduate degree in a different counseling specialization from a CACREP-accredited program (accredited at the time of graduation).
2. Completed application form, application fee, official transcripts for all colleges/universities attended, 3 letters of recommendation, statement of intent.

What to do right now:
Contact Dr. Ami C. Waller at campa21@ecu.edu with any questions.
Complete your application: go.ecu.edu/GradApply
We can’t wait to meet you!

Diversity Statement
Our program makes diversity and inclusion a core part of our mission, activities, and course design. We actively recruit faculty and graduate student applicants who represent diverse cultures, races, religions, sexual orientation, genders, as well as abilities. We also maintain partnerships with schools that serve multicultural populations. This is guided by the ethos that diversity of thought and perspective are assets to any community. Moreover, we strive to create a world more accepting of all identities.

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