

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## COUNSELING

### *Master of Arts*

Application Deadlines: M.A. – February 15.

The master's degree in counseling prepares students to become elementary or secondary school counselors, community college counselors, or community agency counselors. All students in the master's program take a common core of courses in professional counseling. Areas of specialization are developed through electives and the choice of practicum and internship settings. Full-time students complete the program in two years (four semesters). A one-semester, full-time internship (40 hours/week for 15 weeks) is required of all students.

State of Michigan House Bill No. 5740, which passed on July 7, 2000, states that counselors in elementary or secondary schools in Michigan are no longer required to hold a teaching certificate. Other states may continue to require teacher certification for practice in the school. Although teacher certification is not a requirement for admission to our program, the applicant should understand that many Michigan schools still prefer school counselors with teaching certificates. Therefore, students admitted to our school counseling program must develop a program curriculum that takes under consideration their future professional goals, the setting in which they would like to practice, and the state in which they intend to reside after graduation. They will be required to pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification in Guidance Counseling upon completion of the master's program.

The master's in counseling program is not intended to prepare students for licensure as psychologists and students are not eligible for the psychologist license in Michigan on the basis of completing this program.

All counselors practicing in settings other than K-12 schools must be licensed as professional counselors (LPC). Community college counselors will need the counseling license, as will those counseling privately or in agencies other than schools. The master's program in counseling has been designed to meet the State of Michigan academic requirements for licensure as a professional counselor. Elementary and secondary school academic counselors are not required by state law to become licensed as professional counselors. However, some school districts "prefer" candidates who are licensed. State requirements are subject to change and students wishing licensure are advised to keep informed of these requirements in planning their master's degree programs. NOTE: Nearly all states require licensure as a professional counselor, but requirements vary somewhat from state to state. Persons interested in becoming fully licensed in a state other than Michigan are encouraged to learn about licensure requirements in the other state so that they can plan a program of study to meet requirements of that state.

## **Admission**

Admission to the master's program in Counseling is based on the following criteria:

1. Previous academic performance.
2. Scores on the Graduate Record Examination General Test.
3. Fit between the program's goals and the applicant's goals and interests, as described in a written statement of professional goals.
4. Satisfactory recommendations: Three letters of recommendation from professors, former professors, and/or employers.

Students are admitted to the program once each year. All application materials must be received by ***February 15th.***

## **Degree Requirements**

1. A minimum of 49 semester credits is required.
2. Five core courses will provide beginning students with an overview of the field of counseling (CEP 860A, CEP 861, CEP 862, CEP 863 and CEP 864).
3. CEP 821 and CEP 865 will assist students in developing an understanding of research and evaluation in school, university, or business settings.
4. Students will spend a minimum of twelve hours per week counseling in a one-semester field practicum setting (CEP 894C). Successful completion of the practicum is a prerequisite for the internship (CEP 893C), which is a one-semester, full-time (600 clock hours) field placement (or a two-semester, half-time field placement). Students assume responsibility for finding their own field placements, which must be approved by their advisor.
5. Students will choose nine credits of electives. Of these, one course will be in foundations of personality or behavior (PSY 424 and PSY 475 would be appropriate), one course will meet the human growth and development requirement (CEP 801, CEP 804, PSY 846, PSY 847 or PSY 848 would be appropriate); one course can be selected from the list of recommended courses that follow, including any of the above courses (i.e., one could take PSY 475 and PSY 424, etc.).
6. All master's degree students are required to pass a final comprehensive examination in the area of counseling.

## **Course numbers, credits, and titles of courses required for both School Counseling and Community Agency Counseling:**

<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
CEP 801	3	Learning Differences and Commonalities (Summer only)
CEP 860A	3	Perspectives in Multicultural Counseling (Fall only)
CEP 861	3	Counseling Theories, Philosophy, and Ethics (Fall only)
CEP 862	3	Counseling: Individual and Group Processes (Fall only)
CEP 863	3	Counseling Strategies (Spring only)
CEP 864	3	Career Counseling (Spring only)
CEP 894C	6	Counseling Practicum (Fall)
CEP 893C	12	Counseling Internship (Spring)
CEP 821	3	Measurement and Evaluation in Couns. & Devel. (Fall only)
CEP 865	3	Assessment and Research in Counseling (Spring)

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CEP 801	3	Psych. of Devel. Learner & Commonalties
CEP 804	3	Psychology of Adolescence in the Schools
CEP 860	3	Stress Management
CEP 875	3	Substance Abuse and Treatment
CEP 881	3	Personality Assessment
CEP 885	3	Behavior Disorders in Children
FCE 445	3	Human Sexuality
FCE 848	3	Divorce and Remarriage Interventions
PSY 424	3	Child and Family Psychopathology
PSY 475	3	Personality Theories
PSY 844	3	Psychology of Women
PSY 846	3	Developmental Psychology: Childhood
PSY 847	3	Developmental Psychology: Adolescence
PSY 848	3	Developmental Psychology: Adulthood and Aging
PSY 853	4	Behavior Disorders
PSY 854	4	Behavior Disorders in Children and Families

For additional information on MSU's MA Counseling Program or to review our Program Handbook, please visit our website at the following address: <http://ed-web3.educ.msu.edu/macounsel/>



DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSION
Master of Arts In Counseling

Application Deadlines:
M.A. - FEBRUARY 15.

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Application for: Fall Semester 20

Type or Print Legibly!

Ms.
Mrs.
Miss
Mr.

Last Name First Name Middle
PID (if previous MSU student) Birth Date

E-mail Address:

Permanent mailing address:

Phone (include international code)

Day:
Evening:
FAX:

Temporary (current) mailing address:

Phone:

Day:
Evening:

Last Date to receive mail at this address:

FAX :

Check program for which you are applying:

Counseling
School Counseling
Community Agency
School & Community

Enrollment Status
Full-Time (preferred)
Part-Time

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Graduate Record Examination (GRE) – Date taken or planned: \_\_\_\_\_

Scores (if known): Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_ Analytical \_\_\_\_\_

TOEFL Score (Total) \_\_\_\_\_ **(REQUIRED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)**

Do you have teaching experience? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in years & level: K-12 \_\_\_\_\_ community college/2 year \_\_\_\_\_ 4 year Institution \_\_\_\_\_

**Degrees earned (or in progress)**

<u>Institution and location</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Field of Study-Major/Minor</u>	<u>Date earned/expected</u>
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Undergraduate GPA last 2 years:

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Overall Undergraduate GPA:

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Overall Graduate GPA:

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSION  
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**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED:**

(Please use this as a personal checklist)

**University Admissions Application**

Application Fee:  
**\$50.00**

**Departmental Application**

**Statement of Goals**

Statement Format is on the website

**Two (2) official copies of transcripts**

from all previous institutions attended.  
These must be sent directly from the institution; please contact the Registrar's Office at the institutions you attended for appropriate procedures and fee information.

**Three Letters of Recommendation**

Must be submitted on letterhead stationery of recommender's school or company.

**Graduate Record Examination**

Information on testing may be obtained from the:  
MSU Counseling Center  
Testing Office  
207 Student Services Building  
East Lansing, 517-355-8385

**Vita or Resume**

List professional experience, awards, honors, publications, presentations, professional affiliations, and professional development activities.

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**PLEASE SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:**

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