



Counseling, M.Ed.

■ About Our Program

The School Counseling track is designed to prepare school counselors at the elementary and secondary levels. This program track has been approved by the State Board of Education for the Alabama Class A certificate in Counseling and Guidance.

The Community Counseling track is designed to prepare counselors to work in such settings as mental health centers, substance abuse treatment programs, hospitals, and agencies, and higher education settings.

The Marriage and Family track provides students with a solid foundation in family systems theory, systems counseling techniques, and current societal trends, thereby preparing them for work with individuals, couples, and families.

Successful completion of core courses in any track meets academic requirements for the LPC credential in Alabama. Marriage and Family track also meets LMFT academic requirements.

The Counseling Program at the University of Montevallo is CACREP accredited.

■ Admission Requirements

The admission requirements include:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- A completed application form. (Available in Office of Graduate Studies: 205-665-6350)
- Official transcripts from each institution or higher education previously attended.
- A satisfactory score on either the MAT (388) or the GRE (850 verbal + quantitative). The test must have been taken within 5 years of the application date.
- A minimum GPA of at least 2.5 on all undergraduate work or 2.75 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work attempted.
- An essay containing a brief statement of long range professional goals in counseling. (Typed & approximately 2 pages long. Name, program track, and anticipated date of enrollment typed at top of 1st page.)
- An on campus interview with counseling faculty. This will be scheduled after screening has begun. (Screening of applicants: 2/1-Summer; 4/15-Fall)

■ Completion Requirements

- Successful completion of a comprehensive exam

■ Course Overview

Core Courses (Required for All Tracks):

- EDC 501: Principles/Practices of Counseling (3)
- EDC 502: Theories/Techniques of Counseling (3)
- EDF 503: Foundations of Test Administration and Interpretation (3)
- EDC 515: Prepracticum in Interpersonal Skills (3)
- EDC 530: Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues In Counseling (3)
- EDC 550: Group Procedures in Counseling (3)
- EDC 570: Career and Lifestyle Development (3)
- EDF 580: Advanced Human Growth and Development (3)
- EDF 620: Social and Multicultural Foundations (3)
- EDF 600: Applied Research in Education and Behavioral Sciences (3)

Track Definition Courses:

Community Counseling

- EDC 596: Community/Agency Counseling (3)
- EDC 556: Psychopathology (3)
- EDC 541: Counseling Practicum (3)
- EDC 581: Counseling Internship (6)

School Counseling

- EDC 592: School Guidance and Counseling (3)
- EDC 552: Collaborative Systemic Interventions for the Problems Of Children (3)
- EDC 541: Counseling Practicum (3)
- EDC 581: Counseling Internship (6)

Marriage and Family

- EDC 597: Family Systems Counseling (3)
- FCS 502: Advanced Marriage & Family Relationships (3) **OR**
SOC 545: Sex Roles Gender & Culture (3)
- EDC 541: Counseling Practicum (3)
- EDC 552: Collaborative Systemic Interventions for the Problems Of Children (3)
- EDC 556: Psychopathology (3)
- EDC 557: Intervention in Family Crises (3)
- EDC 581: Counseling Internship (6)
- EDC 582: Advanced Internship in Marriage and Family Counseling (3)
- Elective in Marriage & Family studies (3)

■ For Additional Information

If you would like to learn more about earning a degree in this program, please contact us.

Counseling Program Coordinator
Station 6380
Montevallo, Alabama 35115
(205) 665-6380
www.montevallo.edu/clf