

COUNSELING MASTER'S PROGRAM



The Counseling Master's Program at the University of Montevallo is for those who have earned a bachelor's degree or higher and wish to pursue a career in the mental health field. The program is primarily delivered on-campus in Montevallo with some hybrid and online courses.

UM's counseling concentrations include preparations for careers in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Couples and Family Counseling, and School Counseling settings.

All concentrations are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and meet the academic requirements for Alabama's Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential. Individuals who choose Couples and Family Counseling are eligible to pursue the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) credential, and individuals who choose School Counseling are eligible to pursue the Class A Professional Educator Certificate in School Counseling.

COURSEWORK OVERVIEW

All coursework must be completed with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (3.25 for School Counseling). The Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE) must be satisfactorily completed.

Core Courses (30 hours required)

- EDC 502** Theories/Techniques of Counseling (3)
- EDC 503** Assessment in Counseling (3)
- EDC 515** Pre-Practicum in Interpersonal Skills (3)
- EDC 530** Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling (3)
- EDC 550** Group Procedures in Counseling (3)
- EDC 557** Crisis Intervention and Trauma Informed Counseling (3)
- EDC 570** Career and Lifestyle Development (3)
- EDF 580** Advanced Human Growth and Development (3)
- EDF 540** Applied Research (3)
- EDF 620** Social and Multicultural Foundations (3)

Clinical Instructional Courses (9 hours required)

- EDC 541** Counseling Practicum (3)
Choose one of the following:
- EDC 580** Internship 1 (3) **AND EDC 581** Internship 2 (3)
OR EDC 586 Counseling Internship (6)

Concentration-Specific Courses (21 hours required)

See second page for concentration-specific courses.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Online application at montevallo.edu/apply
- Bachelor's degree (minimum 2.5 GPA OR 2.75 for the last 60 hours) from a regionally accredited college/university*
- Admission interview with counseling faculty and other program candidates
- Two letters of recommendation
- Admissions essay (four to six paragraphs on professional aspirations and goals)
- Current curriculum vitae or résumé
- Background clearance

*The school counseling track is a 2.5 admission and a 3.0 retention GPA.

Conditional admission is available in some circumstances to students who have not satisfactorily met all admission requirements.

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CONCENTRATION SPECIFIC COURSES

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (21 hours required)

- EDC 526** Grief and Loss Counseling (3)
- EDC 527** Addicted Families (3)
- EDC 536** Family Life Skills and Consultation (3) **OR**
EDC 552 Collaborative Systemic Interventions for Children (3)
- EDC 546** Clinical Work with Suicidal Clients and Families (3)
- EDC 556** DSM: Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (3)
- EDC 596** Clinical Mental Health Counseling (3)
- 500 level Advisor-approved elective** (3)

Couples & Family Counseling (21 hours required)

- EDC 517** Intimacy and Sexuality (3)
- EDC 527** Addicted Families (3)
- EDC 536** Family Life Skills and Consultation (3) **OR**
EDC 552 Collaborative Systemic Interventions for Children (3)
- EDC 556** DSM: Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (3)
- EDC 597** Couples and Family Counseling (3)
- EDC 582** Advanced Internship in CFC (3)
- 500 level Advisor-approved elective** (3)

School Counseling (21 hours required)

- SPED 507** Required if not previously taken (3)
- EDC 532** Program Management for School Counselors (3)
- EDC 546** Counseling Suicidal Clients & Their Families (3)
- EDC 552** Collaborative Systemic Interventions for Children (3)
- EDC 556** DSM: Diagnosis & Treatment Planning (3)
- EDC 592** School Counseling (3)
- EDC 595** Play Therapy **OR EDC 599** Advanced Play Therapy (3)

Please note: This is not an official degree checksheet and is for general information purposes only.