

SCHOOL COUNSELING

MASTER OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DELIVERY METHOD

Blended (online/on-site)

START DATES

Fall, Spring or Summer

COMPLETION TIME

Two years

NUMBER OF CREDITS

48 credits

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Can add on courses towards meeting the requirements of being a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or Licensed Behavioral Specialist (LBS) in the state of Pennsylvania

The need for school counselors is increasing faster than average until 2032 according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics and the median salary for counselors in elementary and secondary schools; state, local, and private is \$71,700. Nationally, the highest 10 percent earned more than \$100,050.

In Pennsylvania, the annual mean wage is between \$68,510 - \$85,820. School counselors typically only work for 9 months and earn a salary for the entire year.

(US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Wednesday, April 17, 2024).

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Students in the School Counseling Program will earn a Master of Education degree and will be eligible for certification as a professional school counselor in grades K-12 in Pennsylvania. If students desire to seek credentials as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Pennsylvania, additional courses may be taken. Graduates are commonly employed in school districts, community agencies, and higher education settings.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Want a transformative experience that will help you change the lives of others? The Master of Education degree in School Counseling is designed to prepare students for work in elementary and secondary schools and offers:

- Small class sizes
- Full and part-time completion options
- A rigorous curriculum that can be completed in 2 years
- Faculty that hold doctorates and have experience in the school counseling field
- A cohort program model
- Flexibility to add credits and design a personalized path towards obtaining licensure in Pennsylvania as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Option to take credits to meet criteria to become licensed as a Behavioral Specialist in the state of Pennsylvania
- A modern counselor training facility that utilizes the latest technology
- Experiential, hands-on learning that occurs throughout the program
- Additional courses can be taken to be eligible to receive the Licensed Behavior Specialist (LBS) credential in Pennsylvania. Students who desire to work towards becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Pennsylvania will meet the minimum educational qualifications to be permitted to add courses towards meeting the 60-credit requirement
- Professional development funding
- Opportunities to present at and attend regional, state, and national conferences

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The School Counseling Program is housed in Slippery Rock University's Department of Counseling and Development which also has three other high quality, hands-on degree programs: Clinical Mental Health Counseling*, Student Affairs in Higher Education, and College Counseling*. All faculty in the Department of Counseling and Development draw upon their experience working in their respective fields to provide dynamic learning opportunities for students.

*All candidates completing this program are eligible to become an LPC in PA after achieving a passing score on the National Counselor Examination. Additionally, candidates must obtain supervised experience, which can begin after the completion of the degree. If you are interested in working in another state, please contact the licensing board in that state.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts.
2. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for unconditional admission.
3. A personal statement indicating interest in the program, experience, and career goals
4. Two electronic recommendation forms from a former or current college or university faculty member with knowledge of the applicant's academic aptitude, suitability for intended program area, and ability to form interpersonal relationships.

Selected applicants will be invited for an interview. Applications will be taken on a rolling basis. The school counseling program has fall and spring start dates for new students. A fall start is preferred, but spring starts will also be accommodated

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Students must complete foundation courses with a 3.0 GPA before taking the practicum and internship courses.

First Year

FALL		HOURS
CDEV 613	Introduction to School Counseling	3
CDEV 614	Helping Relationships	3
CDEV 670	Counseling Theory	3
CDEV 699	Introduction to Research	3
Hours		12

SPRING

CDEV 610	Lifespan Development	3
CDEV 621	Social and Cultural Diversity	3
CDEV 682	Assessment for School Counselors	3
CDEV 688	Counseling in the Schools	3
Hours		12

Second Year

FALL

CDEV 603	Career Development and Counseling	3
CDEV 612	Group Counseling	3
CDEV 704	School Counseling Practicum	3
Elective or Chapter 49-2 Course		3
Hours		12

SPRING

CDEV 750	School Based Counseling Internship	6
Elective or Chapter 49-2 Course		6
Hours		12

Total Hours** **48**

** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.

EDUCATION SPECIFIC COURSES TO MEET CHAPTER 49-2 STANDARDS

SPED 618	Developing Integrated Language and Literacy Programs for Students with Disabilities	3
SEFE 607	The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners	3
SEFE 679	Psychology of Learning and Instruction for Diverse Learners	3
Total Hours		9

TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

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