

Education Specialist Counseling (EdS)

The Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in counseling is designed to further develop learners' knowledge and skills in counseling and to cultivate their capacity for leadership as professionals. The Ed.S. is suitable for master's degree level counselors who wish to earn an additional graduate degree in counseling, or for individuals with master's degrees in related fields who wish to satisfy the academic portion of the state requirements for licensure as a professional counselor or a school counselor. It is considered a terminal counseling practitioner's degree.

Admission

Applicants may hold a bachelor's degree in any field. A master's degree in counseling or related field is also required.

Deadlines for Admission

- New students are admitted twice each year and are eligible to begin during fall, spring, or summer semesters.
- Summer or Fall Semesters
 - March 1 – Deadline for completed applications
- Spring Semester
 - October 1 – Deadline for completed applications

Application Requirements

For details regarding the application process, criteria used to select students, materials required of applicants, where to send application materials, and taking courses prior to admission as a non-degree graduate student, see the program web site at <http://education.odu.edu/chs/academics/counseling> (<http://education.odu.edu/chs/academics/counseling/>).

Curriculum Requirements

The Education Specialist degree in counseling requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of course work beyond the master's degree. When licensed as a professional counselor or school counselor is an objective, more than 30 semester hours usually is required.

Required Courses

Ed.S. students select courses depending on their objectives. For required courses, see the website at http://education.odu.edu/chs/academics/counseling/counseling_eds.shtml (http://education.odu.edu/chs/academics/counseling/counseling_eds.shtml).

Additional Requirements

Non-Matriculated or Non-Degree Status

Students may take a maximum of 12 credits beyond their master's degree as a non-matriculated or non-degree student before being admitted into the program.

Continuance

Students must meet all University and program requirements to continue toward degree completion once they have been admitted. Students who earn three or more grades of C+ or lower will be dismissed from the Counseling Program. If faculty members have serious concerns about a student's satisfactory progress in the program, they may initiate a process that could lead to the student being asked to withdraw. Students have the right to appeal decisions on continuance made by faculty.

Exit

Students must successfully complete the required course of study (a minimum of 30 credits) with a grade point average of 3.00 or better, and pass a written comprehensive examination.