Department of Counseling and Human Services

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Degrees:  Master of Science in Education, Education Specialist, Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Counseling)

Major:  Counseling

MS.Ed. Concentrations:
• Clinical Mental Health Counseling
• School Counseling

Counseling Graduate Program

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The master’s degree program (including the two concentrations) and the Ph.D. program are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP). CACREP does not accredit education specialist degree programs. Program objectives and other important information can be found in the program handbooks which are located on the department’s webpages at http://education.odu.edu/chs/academics/counseling (http://education.odu.edu/chs/academics/counseling/).

As part of the program’s mission, a commitment to social justice, cultural inclusivity, and reducing inequities and oppression is infused throughout coursework. The admissions process, the use of experiential and didactic learning approaches, supervision requirements, and ongoing comprehensive review and evaluation of students ensures that all graduates possess the academic and personal characteristics necessary to be effective counselors.

Master of Science in Education (MS.Ed.)

The master’s degree program offers a curriculum that emphasizes the following core components: professional orientation and ethical practice; social and cultural diversity; human growth and development; career development; helping relationships; group work; assessment; and research and program evaluation. The MS.Ed. in counseling includes two concentration areas: Clinical Mental Health Counseling or School Counseling.

Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduates meet the educational requirements to pursue the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential in Virginia. Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduates will be prepared to work in community mental health settings, college counseling centers, hospital-based behavioral health programs, the criminal justice field, veterans’ mental health, and private practice. The clinical mental health counseling concentration includes courses in substance abuse counseling, family dynamics, diagnosis and psychopathology, and clinical supervision. Additionally, evidence-based practice, assessment and diagnosis, the role of the counselor in health care, and client and population-centered advocacy are emphasized in the clinical mental health concentration.

School Counseling graduates meet requirements for the Virginia Licensed School Counselor credential. The school counseling concentration prepares graduates to act as systems-change agents throughout K-12 settings in order to address the academic and developmental needs of children, adolescents, and youth. Through the use of experiential and didactic instruction, graduates from the school counseling concentration learn to think systemically, lead effectively, and collaborate with other professionals and stakeholder groups in schools as well as communities. As advocates for children, adolescents, and youth, graduates are encouraged to embrace the belief that school counselors are a major force in closing the achievement gap and that changes in students and programs will be observable, measurable, and impactful. The school counseling concentration includes courses in school climate and culture, counseling children and adolescents, professional issues, and program development. School Counseling students who complete electives in diagnosis, addictions, and family dynamics can also meet the educational requirements for the LPC credential in Virginia.

Education Specialist (Ed.S.)

The Counseling Program also offers an Education Specialist degree for those seeking to re-specialize beyond their master’s training in counseling or a related mental health field, and this degree can be tailored to meet the LPC or Licensed School Counselor educational requirements. The Ed.S. degree extends counseling knowledge and skills for individuals who already hold master’s degrees in counseling, and provides core master’s level counseling coursework for individuals who have master’s degrees in closely related fields (e.g., psychology, special education) who wish to become counselors.

Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Ph.D.)

The Ph.D. in Education (Counseling) prepares graduates to become counselor educators, clinical supervisors, scholars, and leaders in a variety of professional settings. Graduates are prepared for employment as counselor educator faculty members in colleges and universities and as clinicians and leaders in counseling settings in colleges, community mental health agencies, private practices, and schools or school districts. This program provides doctoral students with the skills to supervise other counselors, teach counseling skills, conduct scholarly research, lead organizations, and create new knowledge in the field of counseling. Learners in the Ph.D. program are actively mentored to develop their competency in specific topics through presentations, extra-curricular research, and service-leadership to the counseling field.

Field Placement Experiences

The MS.Ed. and Ph.D. programs require field placement experiences as part of students’ coursework near the end of their programs. Most Ed.S. students also complete a field placement experience. Required field placement experiences, such as practicum, internship, and observation hours, involve work in counseling settings where learners apply the knowledge, attitudes, awareness, and skills developed during their coursework. Prior to any placement in the field for observation or practicum/internship all students are required to complete a background check. Background checks are handled by the Office of Clinical Experiences. Instructions can be found on their web page (http://www.odu.edu/success/academic/teacher-education/placement/background-checks (http://www.odu.edu/success/academic/teacher-education/placement/background-checks/)). Further information about the field placement experiences can be found in the Practicum & Internship Handbooks on the department’s webpages at https://www.odu.edu/chs/internship-opportunities (https://www.odu.edu/chs/internship-opportunities/).

Master of Science in Education - Counseling Admission

Applicants may hold a bachelor’s degree in any field.

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

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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. Students are also assessed on their interpersonal comportment and behavior. 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.

Program Completion and Exit
Students must successfully complete a multiple choice comprehensive examination covering the 8 core counseling competency areas, the required course of study for their concentration, and must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 to graduate.

Program Requirements
A minimum of 60 semester credits is required for the Master of Science in Education - Counseling with a concentration in clinical mental health counseling or school counseling. Toward the conclusion of the program, all students must pass a comprehensive exam. All students are required to take 30 credits of common-core course work. Additional course work in concentration areas is required. All students complete 100 hours of practicum and 600 hours of internship. Students are also required to complete the Responsible Conduct of Research Training (visit the ODU Office of Research webpage for additional information).

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Core Courses (Master’s Degree, all concentrations)

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Concentrations (required coursework)

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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School Counseling

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LPC Electives

Students in the school counseling specialization who wish to pursue the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential in Virginia should include the elective courses COUN 647 (Addictive Disorders), COUN 691 (Family Systems and Family Development), and COUN 685 (Diagnosis and Treatment Planning in Mental Health Counseling). A post-master’s residency of 3400 supervised hours, plus the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE), are also required for the Virginia LPC.

Education Specialist – Counseling

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
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Application Requirements

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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.

Program 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/eds.shtml.

• October 1st of each year- Deadline for completed applications

Doctor of Philosophy - Education, Counseling

The Doctor of Philosophy in Education with a concentration in counseling prepares individuals for employment as counselor educators in higher education settings. Graduates are also prepared to act as leaders in clinical mental health counseling or school counseling settings as well as the professional counseling field including advocacy, supervision, assessment, and research.

Admission

Deadlines for Admission

• New students are admitted once each year and are eligible to begin during fall, spring, or summer semesters. Fall is the preferable start for PhD admits.
• October 1st of each year- Deadline for completed applications

For details regarding the application process, criteria used to select students, materials required of applicants, and where to send application materials, see the program website at http://education.odu.edu/chs/academics/counseling/eds.shtml.

Program Course Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Counseling) is comprised of courses totaling 60 academic credit hours beyond the master’s degree. The curriculum includes advanced courses in counseling, supervision, teaching, and research, a doctoral practicum and an internship, and 12 credits of dissertation.

Program Completion and Exit

In order to complete the program, students must complete required courses in a satisfactory manner, pass examinations, and complete an acceptable dissertation. Ph.D. students must meet all requirements included in the University Graduate Catalog, the Ph.D. in Education (Counseling) Program Handbook. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain these documents and complete requirements.

Prerequisites

Graduation from a master’s degree program in counseling that was accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) is a prerequisite. If a doctoral student’s master’s degree program was not accredited by CACREP, the student must take master’s-level courses and field experiences they are missing as part of their Ph.D. program.

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Graduate Certificate in Advanced Counseling Practice

The Advanced Counseling Practice Certificate is a 12 hour certificate program that allows students to complete additional coursework needed for their professional endeavors.

Admissions

1. Master’s in counseling or closely related field
2. Eligibility to pursue the Licensed Professional Counselor in the Commonwealth of Virginia
3. Evaluation of all graduate transcripts and resume or vita by program faculty for fitness within the scope of the certificate and future practice as a licensed counseling professional
4. Criminal background check consistent with criteria for license eligibility

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Continuance

Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA to be in good academic standing.

Exit

To successfully complete the program, students must complete the four required courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
COUNSELING COURSES

COUN 601. Principles of Professional Counseling and Ethics. 3 Credits.
Aligned with a spiral approach to learning, students will be introduced to theory, practice, methods, basic principles, and concepts used by counselors in educational settings and community agencies. In subsequent courses, these topics will be revisited in depth. The course will emphasize professional and ethical issues related to counseling.

COUN 631. Counseling for LifeSpan Development. 3 Credits.
A study of phase and stage theories of lifespan development with application to counseling. Current research findings on major developmental issues (e.g., gender) will be emphasized. Prerequisites: Admission to counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval.

COUN 633. Counseling and Psychotherapy Techniques. 3 Credits.
The course focuses on development of attitudes and skills essential to effective professional counseling. Emphasis is on conducting the helping interview, as well as conducting an intake interview, a mental status evaluation, a biopsychosocial history, a mental health history, and a psychological assessment for treatment planning and caseload management. Pre- or corequisite: Admission to Counseling Graduate Program or Graduate Program Director approval.

COUN 634. Advanced Counseling and Psychotherapy Techniques. 3 Credits.
Advanced skills and practice in techniques used by counselors. Prerequisite: COUN 601, COUN 650, and COUN 663 with a grade of B or higher.

COUN 642. Structured Counseling Groups. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to prepare students to facilitate structured counseling groups for children and adolescents primarily in the K-12 school setting. CACREP Required Content: GROUP WORK - studies that provide both theoretical and experiential understandings of group purpose, development, dynamics, theories, methods, skills, and other group approaches in a multicultural society, including all of the following: (a) principles of group dynamics, including group process components, developmental stage theories, group members' roles and behaviors, and therapeutic factors of group work; (b) group leadership or facilitation styles and approaches, including characteristics of various types of group leaders and leadership styles; (c) theories of group counseling, including commonalities, distinguishing characteristics, and pertinent research and literature; and (d) group counseling methods, including group counselor orientations and behaviors, appropriate selection criteria and methods, and methods of evaluation of effectiveness. Students will be required to complete 30 hours of fieldwork with K-12 aged youth, preferably in a school setting. Prerequisites: Admission to Counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval; COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 650 and COUN 678.

COUN 644. Group Counseling and Psychotherapy. 3 Credits.
Developing effective group leadership competencies is the focus for the course. Identification of group dynamics, use of group level process, and the self-development of the leader are some major topics. Prerequisite: Admission to Counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval; COUN 601, COUN 633, and COUN 650.

COUN 645. Testing and Client Assessment. 3 Credits.
This course examines individual and group approaches to formal and informal assessment techniques, including diagnosis. It includes an examination of: the history of assessment; basic test statistics; test worthiness (reliability, validity, and cross-cultural issues); the selection, administration, and interpretation of assessment instruments; and ethical and legal issues relative to assessment. The focus of this class is on major concepts and principles of psychological testing and evaluation and use of standardized instruments with differing populations. Pre- or corequisites: COUN 633.

COUN 647. Addictive Disorders. 3 Credits.
Examines the etiology, risk factors, assessment, counseling approaches and treatment of alcoholism and other addictions. Prerequisites: Admission to Counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval; COUN 601, COUN 633, and COUN 650.

COUN 648. Foundations of Career Development. 3 Credits.
Principles and theories of career development, occupational and educational information, employment trends, concepts and principles for effective work in educational and career planning and development are considered. Prerequisites: Admission to Counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval; COUN 601, COUN 645, and COUN 650.

COUN 650. Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy. 3 Credits.
A study of major theories of counseling and psychotherapy. The primary focus is on providing students with a theoretical foundation upon which to develop their own approach for providing counseling and psychotherapy.

COUN 655. Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling. 3 Credits.
Designed to engage helping professionals in cultural self-awareness and the search for solutions to disparities in society through counseling work. Emphasis on the social identities of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, ability, class, sexual orientation, and age. Prerequisites: Admission to counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval and COUN 601.

COUN 666. Internship in College Counseling. 1-6 Credits.
This internship is designed to provide individual students with a planned program of advanced on-the-job professional experience in a college or university setting. A university instructor will coordinate internship assignments. An experienced professional in the college or university setting will provide direct supervision. Available for pass/fail grading only. Completion of a background check is required prior to commencing the field placement. Prerequisites: Departmental permission and COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 644, COUN 645, COUN 650, COUN 669, COUN 695, and COUN 686.

COUN 667. Internship in Mental Health Counseling. 1-9 Credits.
This counselor education experience is designed to provide a planned program of supervised clinical instruction in mental health counseling in an appropriate professional setting, including provision of direct service and performance of indirect professional activities under appropriate clinical supervision of a site supervisor as well as classroom instruction and supervision. This pass/fail course requires successful completion of 300 hours of counseling field placement work and 120 hours of direct service in each of two semesters of enrollment. Completion of a background check is required prior to commencing the field placement. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling Graduate Program or graduate program director approval, approved application; COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 64, COUN 65, COUN 644, COUN 65, COUN 650, COUN 680, and COUN 685.

COUN 668. Internship in School Counseling. 1-6 Credits.
This internship is designed to provide individual students with a planned program of advanced on-the-job professional experience in a school setting. An university instructor will coordinate internship assignments. An experienced professional in the school setting will provide direct supervision. Available for pass/fail grading only. Completion of a background check is required prior to commencing the field placement. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling Graduate Program or graduate program director approval; approved application; COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 669, COUN 680, and COUN 685.

COUN 669. Practicum in Counseling. 3 Credits.
This supervised experience will enable students to practice basic and intermediate individual and group counseling skills with clients while integrating knowledge and skills learned in previous course work. Completion of a background check is required prior to commencing the field placement. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval; approved application; COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 64, COUN 65, COUN 644, COUN 650, and COUN 645 with a grade of B or higher (see Program Handbook for other prerequisites based on specialty area).

COUN 670. Introduction to Counseling Supervision. 3 Credits.
This course provides an opportunity to learn one's personal style for supervision, to have supervised field supervision experiences and to gain an understanding of the different models of supervision. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling Graduate Program or graduate director approval; COUN 601, COUN 669.
COUN 676. Professional Issues in School Counseling K-12. 3 Credits.
A professional seminar that emphasizes the contemporary role of the school counselor as leader and advocate in delivering school counseling programs to all students. Emphasis is placed on acquiring the awareness, knowledge and skills necessary to negotiate the cultural, educational, and contextual forces that impact the lives and academic achievements of students in a pluralistic society. Twenty hours of observation in a school is required. Completion of a background check is required prior to commencing the field placement. In addition, students are also required to attend a one-day program on a pre-determined date during the semester. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling Graduate Program or graduate director approval.

COUN 677. School Culture, Learning, and Classroom Management. 3 Credits.
School counselor's role in contributing to a safe, equitable, and culturally responsive school culture; promoting student learning and achievement; and the practice of effective teaching and classroom management. Cultural, political, economic, ethical, and legal issues are addressed. Ten hours of observation in a school is required. Completion of a background check is required prior to commencing the field placement. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval; COUN 676.

COUN 678. Counseling Children and Adolescents in School Settings. 3 Credits.
This course will provide an overview of theories and techniques of counseling children and adolescents in school settings. Emphasis will be placed upon the counselor's role as a facilitator of normal developmental processes to promote academic success. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling graduate program or graduate director approval; COUN 601, COUN 633, and COUN 650.

COUN 679. School Counseling Program Development K-12. 3 Credits.
This course is designed as a capstone experience that synthesizes graduate course work into a practical school counseling program manual. Emphasis is placed upon assessment, data collection and analysis, design and development, implementation and evaluation of systemic school counseling programs K-12. Specific emphasis is given to the integration of assessed needs, the National Standards for School Counseling Programs and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling Graduate Program or graduate director approval; COUN 601, COUN 642 or COUN 644, COUN 648, and COUN 676.

COUN 680. Mental Health Counseling. 3 Credits.
This course will examine the broad range of roles and functions of the mental health counselor within contemporary professional practice settings. Prerequisites: Admission to the counseling graduate program or graduate director approval.

COUN 681. Couples Counseling. 3 Credits.
Couples counseling focuses on development of effective counseling skills in working with couples. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling graduate program or graduate director approval; COUN 601, COUN 633, and COUN 650.

COUN 685. Diagnosis and Treatment Planning in Mental Health Counseling. 3 Credits.
A course focused on developing knowledge, attitudes, and skills essential to effective DSM-5 diagnosis, client conceptualization assessment, and clinical treatment planning. Emphasis on the use of client conceptualization models as a basis for treatment planning in mental health counseling. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling graduate program or graduate director approval; COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 645, and COUN 650.

COUN 686. College Counseling. 3 Credits.
Overview of counseling services provided on college and university campuses. Topics include wellness of students, multicultural issues, ethical and legal issues, crisis and disaster response, advocacy, and program evaluation. Prerequisite: Admission to the counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval.

COUN 689. Understanding Military Connected Children and Families. 4 Credits.
Participants will learn about the unique academic, social, and emotional challenges faced by military connected children and their families. Participants will review, analyze and practice research-based learning and behavioral strategies and interventions to address these needs. This course will also introduce effective practices for supporting children through deployment separation, reunion and reintegration, and grief and trauma, including promoting school connectedness, fostering resiliency, facilitating coping skills, and designing customized academic, social, and behavioral supports. This course is required for completion of the Military Child and Family Education graduate certificate. Prerequisites: Acceptance into the Military Child and Families Graduate Certificate Program.

COUN 691. Family Systems and Family Development. 3 Credits.
The course offers a study of the family as a system, family life cycle stages, tasks, and difficulties that families may experience as they move through their developmental stages. Concepts and principles applicable to helping people within a systems perspective will also be discussed. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling graduate program or graduate director approval; COUN 601, COUN 633, and COUN 650.

COUN 695. Topics in Counseling. 1-3 Credits.
The study of selected topics in counseling. Prerequisites: Admission to the counseling graduate program or graduate director approval.

COUN 697. Independent Study. 3-6 Credits.
Individualized study under the supervision of a graduate faculty member.

COUN 698. Research in Counseling. 3 Credits.
Research on a topic or project related to counseling. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

COUN 707. Adult and College Student Development. 3 Credits.
Exploration of theories informing practice regarding late adolescent, young adult, and adult psychological and cognitive development, adjustment, and learning in the two- and four-year college and university context. Influences of individual differences highlighted. Applications for college counseling, higher education, and community college practitioners, professionals, and leaders.

COUN 742. Advanced Counseling Theory and Practice. 3 Credits.
An in-depth study of selected counseling theories through the study of cases. Prerequisites: COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 645 and COUN 650.

COUN 744. Advanced Group Counseling. 3 Credits.
Development of group leadership skills through group experiences in class and in the field. Prerequisites: COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 644, COUN 645, and COUN 650.

COUN 783. Complementary and Alternative Therapies. 3 Credits.
This course provides an overview of complementary and alternative therapies being used in mental health today, looking at their effectiveness and safety in treating specific client populations and for use in treating specific disorders, including ADHD, addictions, and anxiety. Modalities covered include acupuncture, nutritional medicine, herbal medicine, biofeedback, meditation, hypnotherapy, aromatherapy, and others. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval.

COUN 786. Spirituality in Counseling. 3 Credits.
An overview of methods for integrating spirituality into counseling as a means of promoting holistic wellness for both clients and counselors. Emphasis will be placed upon theories of spiritual development, beliefs inherent in major wisdom traditions, implicit and explicit strategies for integrating spirituality into counseling, and the counselor's own personal and professional awareness and growth.

COUN 795. Topics in Counseling. 1-6 Credits.
The study of selected topics in counseling.

COUN 797. Topics in Counseling. 1-6 Credits.
Individual study under the supervision of a graduate faculty member.
COUN 801. Current Issues in Counseling and Counselor Education. 3 Credits.
The course will focus on the current issues in counseling to include the role of ethical and legal considerations in counselor education and supervision, theories and skills in leadership, social and cultural issues to include social change theory and advocacy action planning, and developmental counseling.

COUN 807. Adult and College Student Development. 3 Credits.
Exploration of theories informing practice regarding late adolescent, young adult, and adult psychological and cognitive development, adjustment, and learning in the two- and four-year college and university context. Influences of individual differences highlighted. Applications for college counseling, higher education, and community college practitioners, professionals, and leaders.

COUN 820. Counselor Education Teaching and Practice. 3 Credits.
This course prepares students to teach counseling and related courses. Topics covered are learning theories, retention of material, motivation, classroom instructional strategies and techniques, and assessment of learning from the core learning expectations.

COUN 835. Advanced Counseling Research Design and Assessment. 3 Credits.
The doctoral-level course examines advanced topics and controversies in qualitative and quantitative counseling research; this integration of theoretical with applied counseling material will augment the department's standard doctoral research offerings. Prerequisites: FOUN 814 and FOUN 722.

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An in-depth study of selected counseling theories through the study of cases. Prerequisites: COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 645 and COUN 650.

COUN 844. Advanced Group Counseling. 3 Credits.
Development of group leadership skills through group experiences in class and in the field. Prerequisites: COUN 601, COUN 633, COUN 644, COUN 645, and COUN 650.

COUN 845. Diagnosis and Treatment Planning. 3 Credits.
COUN 846. Advanced Counseling Supervision. 3 Credits.
This course provides advanced training and skill development in supervision. Specific topics in supervision will also be examined. These include: ethical and legal issues, multicultural competency in supervision; theories of counselor development; theories/models, processes, and skills in supervision.

COUN 848. Multicultural Perspectives in Counselor Education, Supervision, and Research. 3 Credits.
Counseling doctoral students will study multicultural issues in counselor preparation graduate programs, counseling supervision, and counseling research. Prerequisites: Admission to Ph.D. program or graduate program director approval.

COUN 868. Internship in Counseling. 3-6 Credits.
This internship is designed to provide individual students with a planned program of advanced on-the-job professional experience in a college, school, or community/agency setting. In addition, supervisory and teaching experiences are required. Internship assignments will be controlled and coordinated by a university instructor. Direct supervision is given by an experienced professional in the setting. Minimum of 300 hours.

COUN 869. Advanced Supervised Practicum in Counseling. 3 Credits.
This advanced supervised practicum in counseling experience will enable doctoral-level students to develop and/or refine advanced counseling skills and conceptually link counselor practice and supervision. Minimum of 200 hours. Prerequisites: COUN 801, COUN 820, COUN 742/COUN 842, COUN 744/COUN 844.

COUN 883. Complementary & Alternative Therapies in Mental Health Counseling. 3 Credits.
The course provides an overview of complementary and alternative therapies being used in mental health today, looking at their effectiveness and safety in treating specific client populations and for use in treating specific disorders, including ADHD, depression, addictions, and anxiety. Modalities covered include acupuncture, nutritional medicine, herbal medicine, biofeedback, meditation, hypnotherapy, aromatherapy, and others. Prerequisites: Admission to the Counseling graduate program or graduate program director approval.

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The study of selected topics in counseling.

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Individualized study under the supervision of a graduate faculty member.

COUN 898. Dissertation Seminar. 3 Credits.
This seminar is designed to assist students in making substantive progress in identifying and developing their dissertation proposal. Students will critically examine the current literature associated with their research interests and examine applicable conceptual constructs and methodologies. Prerequisites: COUN 801, COUN 820, COUN 835, COUN 842, COUN 844, COUN 846, COUN 848, COUN 869, FOUN 813 and FOUN 814.

COUN 899. Dissertation. 1-12 Credits.
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COUN 998. Master's Graduate Credit. 1 Credit.
This course is a pass/fail course for master's students in their final semester. It may be taken to fulfill the registration requirement necessary for graduation. All master's students are required to be registered for at least one graduate credit hour in the semester of their graduation.

COUN 999. Doctoral Graduate Credit. 1 Credit.
This course is a pass/fail course doctoral students may take to maintain active status after successfully passing the candidacy examination. All doctoral students are required to be registered for at least one graduate credit hour every semester until their graduation.