Overview
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 MSEd in counseling includes two concentration areas: Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School 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

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://www.odu.edu/chs/academics/m-s-ed-admissionsrequirements/.

Curriculum 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).