



**Graduate Degree Program – Specialist in Education, Counselor Education (Reference #046)
Leading to Standard Certification (Rank I) as a School Guidance Counselor, P-12**

Admission Requirements:

To be admitted into this program, candidates must meet all minimal criteria described on the “Transition Points” page under “Transition Point 1: Admission to Education Preparation Programs.”

Prerequisites: Master’s Degree in School Counseling (or related field with a minimum of 30 hours) + either Master’s GPA of 3.5 or 1350 GRE

Required Coursework—30 hours

Research Core – 3 hrs

___ EDFN 501 or PSY 512 – 3 hrs

Major Emphasis – 21 hrs

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Thesis Research/Writing – 6 hrs

___ CNS 699 – 6 hrs

Required Prerequisite Coursework—18 hours

- ___ EDFN 500 – 3 hrs
- ___ CNS 550 – 3 hrs
- ___ CNS 552 – 3 hrs
- ___ CNS 554 – 3 hrs
- ___ CNS 558 – 3 hrs
- ___ CNS 590 – 3 hrs

Important Notes:

Minimum GPA required for graduation: 3.0
Student must successfully defend the Specialist Research Project.

Mid-Point Assessment Requirements:

To be admitted into the Practicum, candidates must meet all minimal criteria described on the “Transition Points” page under “Transition Point 2: Admission to Final Experience.”

Program Completion Requirements:

1. To complete this program, candidates must meet all minimal criteria described on the “Transition Points” page under “Transition Point 3: Program Exit.”
2. Rules and regulations governing the completion of this program of study have been described above and on the next page. By signing below, you are acknowledging that you understand and accept responsibility for meeting these requirements.

Candidate’s Name (printed)

Education Advisor’s Signature/Date

Candidate’s Signature/Date

Specialization Advisor’s Signature/Date

**Delineation of Unit/Program Transition Points – Advanced Preparation
(For all School Counseling Program)**

Transition Point 1: Admission to Education Preparation Programs			
Data Reviewed	Minimal Criteria for Admission/Continuation	Review Cycle	Reviewed By
<u>Unit Level Data:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admission Application ▪ Undergraduate Degree ▪ GAP Score (UG GPA x GRE) ▪ GRE Analytic Writing Score ▪ Teaching Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completion of application ▪ Evidence of degree ▪ 2200+ ▪ 3.5+ ▪ Evidence of certificate 	Each Month	Graduate Studies
Transition Point 2: Admission to Practicum			
Data Reviewed	Minimal Criteria for Continuation	Review Cycle	Reviewed By
<u>Program Specific Data</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completion of Course Pre-Requisites ▪ Admission to Counseling Programs ▪ KSP Criminal Background Check ▪ Approved Practicum Site ▪ Signed Prospectus ▪ Acceptable Dispositions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advisor approved program ▪ Faculty approved application ▪ Meets program requirements ▪ As approved by practicum instructor ▪ Original in student file ▪ Minimum 3 or 4 on all Dispositions 	At time of admission. Practicum is a restricted course.	Practicum Faculty
Transition Point 3: Program Exit			
Data Reviewed	Minimal Criteria for Exit	Review Cycle	Reviewed By
<u>Program Specific Data</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completion of Practicum Experience ▪ Pass Comprehensive Examination ▪ Acceptable Dispositions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acceptable Site Supervisor Evaluation ▪ Acceptable Mid-Term Evaluation ▪ Practicum Log with Minimum Hours ▪ Acceptable Practicum Portfolio ▪ Minimum 70% on Multiple Choice Exam ▪ Minimum 70% on Essay Questions ▪ Minimum 3 or 4 on all Dispositions 	When Form E is Signed.	Department Head

Remediation Opportunities:

TP 2: Candidates may request additional instruction from faculty and may resubmit Critical Performances in order to improve their scores.

TP 3: Candidates may request additional instruction from faculty and may retake the comprehensive exam.

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