Counselor Education, PhD

Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in counselor education with a counselor education and supervision (CES) subprogram requires a minimum of 74 s.h. of graduate credit. The program provides students with knowledge and skills related to general counseling (including mental health, school, and rehabilitation counseling), teaching, consulting, supervising counselors, and conducting research. Graduates enter professional work as counselors, counselor supervisors, counselor educators, researchers and/or consultants, or work in other positions requiring expertise in human relations.

Counselor education and supervision graduates are prepared to teach the knowledge and skills required of professional counselors and to supervise beginning and advanced counselors, perform counseling interventions with individuals and groups, and teach human relations skills in colleges or universities. They provide professional consultation with counseling practitioners, educators, and policymakers about counseling program development and evaluation. They may also perform research that contributes to knowledge about counseling, supervision, and counselor education.

The program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The American Counseling Association (ACA) and the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) are the professional organizations most related to program activities.

The curriculum includes required courses in counseling, research tools and applications, and a dissertation.

Most students complete their coursework in three years and take a fourth year to complete the dissertation. Students who have not completed a master's degree program approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) may need to remedy deficiencies by taking appropriate coursework at the master's degree level.

The PhD in counselor education with a counselor education and supervision subprogram requires the following work.

Required Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
CSED:6394	Research and Scholarship Internship	1-3
or CSED:7470	Counselor Education and Supervision Doctoral Integrated Professional Internships	
CSED:7255	Advanced Career Development and Counseling	3
CSED:7338	Essentials of Qualitative Inquiry (or collegiate equivalent)	3
CSED:7353	Advanced Counseling and Psychotherapy	3
CSED:7360	Advanced Doctoral Internship in Counseling	3
CSED:7380	Internship in Teaching	3
or CSED:7470	Counselor Education and Supervision Doctoral Integrated Professional Internships	
CSED:7385	Teaching and Learning in Higher Education	3
or PSQF:6217	Seminar in College Teaching	
CSED:7400	Seminar: Ethics and Issues in Counseling	3
CSED:7450	Advanced Social Psychology of Disability	3
CSED:7451	Advanced Multiculturalism	3
CSED:7454	Supervision Theory and Practice	3
CSED:7455	Internship in Supervision	3
or CSED:7470	Counselor Education and Supervision Doctoral Integrated Professional Internships	
CSED:7457	Professional Orientation to Counselor Education and Supervision	3
CSED:7458	Seminar: Issues and Trends in Counseling Research	4
CSED:7459	Leadership and Advocacy in Counselor Education and Supervision	3
CSED:7460	Seminar: Research in Counseling	3
PSQF:6243	Intermediate Statistical Methods	3
PSQF:6265	Program Evaluation	3

Required Research Courses

Students must complete a specific sequence of research courses including distributed coursework in both qualitative and quantitative areas. In consultation with the academic advisor, they select from basic and advanced doctoral research courses listed under CES Doctoral Research Requirements on the Department of Counselor Education website.

Elective Minor Area

Students can elect to take a series of courses, typically a minimum of three, outside the Department of Counselor Education (in consultation with a major and minor advisor) to enhance and support their teaching and research interests.

Master's Thesis Project or Equivalent

Students are required to submit a previously conducted master's thesis for faculty review and approval or to complete a new supervised experiential research project before taking comprehensive exams. Students without an approved MA or MS thesis enroll in the following.

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Comprehensive Examination

The comprehensive examination consists of an oral defense of a student's portfolio, which covers six professional competency domains in counselor education, and an exam on the minor area. The examination may be taken during a student's final semester of coursework.

Dissertation

The major research project culminating in the doctoral thesis may be on any topic related to counseling and counselor education. The thesis advisor and the examining committee approve the topic and procedures at a formal prospectus meeting. The final oral examination on the thesis is conducted by the examining committee. Students usually earn 10 s.h. for dissertation work, but in some instances they may earn up to 15 s.h. The dissertation committee must include at least two counselor education and supervision faculty members.

Course #	Title	Hours
CSED:7493	PhD Thesis	10-15