

Counselor Education

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Undergraduate minor: human relations

Graduate degrees: MA in counselor education; PhD in counselor education

Faculty: <https://education.uiowa.edu/directory>

Website: <https://education.uiowa.edu/about/administration/department-counselor-education>

Admission

Prospective students must meet admission requirements for the individual programs as well as the department's general admission requirements. Criminal background checks may be required.

Applicants to any of the department's degree programs must satisfy the following admission requirements. Applicants also must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Applicants must submit the following:

- a completed graduate application form;
- copies of official transcripts of all previous undergraduate and graduate college work;
- official report of Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test verbal and quantitative scores for PhD applicants only;
- a statement of an applicant's reasons for seeking an advanced degree in the department, including a statement of personal career objectives; and
- three current letters of recommendation from persons qualified to assess the applicant's prospects for completing the MA or PhD and to assess the applicant's commitment to the profession.

The department may request an interview.

The following admission standards are considered for individual program admission decisions.

- MA applicants should have an undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.00.
- PhD applicants should have a graduate GPA of at least 3.00; those who have not been granted a graduate degree should have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00.
- Typically, doctoral students are not admitted unless they have completed a master's degree in counseling or a related field. Relevant work experiences are important. Students who are accepted without a related master's degree must complete core master's-level coursework before taking advanced PhD courses. Required remedial courses and experiences are determined in consultation with the advisor and are included in a student's curriculum plan.

These criteria are minimum standards for admission. Final admission decisions are made by faculty committees. Some of the department's programs have additional admission requirements; see the descriptions of the individual programs.

Application

For application materials, visit Iowa Graduate Admissions and the Department of Counselor Education website.

Applications must be complete before they can be reviewed. Applicants are responsible for providing a complete application dossier; to check on whether an application dossier is complete, contact the Office of Student Services in the College of Education.

Applicants are notified in writing after their applications have been reviewed. Applicants who are accepted must reply in writing in order to maintain their admission status.