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| <br><b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>  | <b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b><br><b>Graduate Programs</b> |   | UGPC Approval _____<br>UFS Approval _____<br>Banner _____<br>Catalog _____ |
|  | Department _____<br>College _____                             |   |  |
| Program Name _____   |   | New Program*<br><br>Change Program*   | <b>Effective Date</b><br>(TERM & YEAR)                                     |
| Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.  |   |   |  |
| *All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.   |   |   |  |
| Faculty Contact/Email/Phone _____  |   | Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation |  |
| <b>Approved by</b><br>Department Chair <u><i>Gemma L. Gier</i></u><br>College Curriculum Chair <u><i>Elizabeth Villares</i></u><br>College Dean <u><i>Alfonso Benner</i></u><br>UGPC Chair _____<br>UGC Chair _____<br>Graduate College Dean _____<br>UFS President _____<br>Provost _____ |   | <b>Date</b><br>3/14/25<br>3/19/25<br>3/20/2025<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |  |

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## COUNSELOR EDUCATION

### MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.ED.)

**Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration** *(Minimum of 60 credits required)*

**Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Concentration** *(Minimum of 63 credits required)*

**School Counseling Concentration** *(Minimum of 60 credits required)*

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) with major in Counselor Education may be structured with a Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling or School Counseling concentration. Note that admission requirements differ for these concentrations. The concentrations in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling requires 60 credits; the concentration in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling requires 63 credits.

#### Admission Requirements

1. The student must meet College and University requirements.
2. The student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in ~~the last 60 credits of~~ undergraduate study prior to receiving the bachelor's degree and must submit official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.
3. The student must provide a professional goal statement (one-to-two pages) along with a separate page describing the student's work experience related to counseling and three letters of recommendation on each reference's letterhead attesting to the student's suitability for graduate study and entry into the field of professional counseling.
4. Admissions are made twice each year on a competitive basis, except for Clinical Mental Health Counseling, which accepts applicants for the fall semester only.
5. Students should contact the department for specific application procedures and deadlines.
6. All application materials must be received no later than January 15 for fall admission and September 15 for spring admission.
7. The student may take no more than 18 graduate credits from FAU toward the degree prior to admission to the master's degree program in Counselor Education.
8. Permission from a full-time faculty member is required for each course.

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## Admission to Candidacy

See Admission to Candidacy heading listed under Master's Degree Program Information.

## Degree Requirements

1. The student must satisfy College and University requirements.
2. The student may use MHS 6710 to satisfy the College research core requirement.
3. The student must complete a minimum 60-credit program of study for the master's degree.

### Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration

#### ***Core Courses – 24 credits***

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| Multicultural Counseling for Diverse Populations | MHS 5428 | 3 |
| Appraisal and Evaluation in Counseling           | MHS 6220 | 3 |

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| Career Development | MHS 6340 | 3 |
| Family Counseling  | MHS 6430 | 3 |

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| Life Span Development                                | MHS 6482 | 3 |
| Group Counseling                                     | MHS 6510 | 3 |
| Legal, Ethical and Professional Issues in Counseling | MHS 6700 | 3 |
| Counseling Research and Evidence-Based Practice      | MHS 6710 | 3 |

#### ***Additional Required Courses – 18 credits***

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| Psychopathology in Counseling                  | MHS 6070 | 3 |
| Substance Abuse Counseling                     | MHS 6450 | 3 |
| Traumatic Stress, Trauma and Crisis Counseling | MHS 6466 | 3 |
| Counseling and Human Sexuality                 | MHS 6470 | 3 |
| Issues in Mental Health Counseling Practice    | MHS 6701 | 3 |
| Educational Statistics                         | STA 6113 | 3 |

#### ***Pre-Practicum Courses – 6 credits***

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| Processes in Counseling            | MHS 5005 | 3 |
| Counseling Theories and Techniques | MHS 6401 | 3 |

#### ***Field Experience Courses – 12 credits***

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| Practicum in Mental Health Counseling | MHS 6800 | 3   |
| Internship - Mental Health Counseling | MHS 6830 | 3-6 |

(may be taken over two terms for a total of 6 credits)

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| Elective     | 3         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>60</b> |

#### Clinical Rehabilitation Concentration

##### ***Foundation Courses – 9 credits***

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| Processes in Counseling            | MHS 5005 | 3 |
| Counseling Theories and Techniques | MHS 6401 | 3 |
| Life Span Development              | MHS 6482 | 3 |

##### ***Core Courses – 30 credits***

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| Multicultural Counseling for Diverse Populations | MHS 5428 | 3 |
| Appraisal and Evaluation in Counseling           | MHS 6220 | 3 |

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| Career Development | MHS 6340 | 3 |
| Family Counseling  | MHS 6430 | 3 |

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| Substance Abuse Counseling                           | MHS 6450 | 3 |
| Counseling and Human Sexuality                       | MHS 6470 | 3 |
| Group Counseling                                     | MHS 6510 | 3 |
| Legal, Ethical and Professional Issues in Counseling | MHS 6700 | 3 |
| Counseling Research and Evidence-Based Practice      | MHS 6710 | 3 |
| Educational Statistics                               | STA 6113 | 3 |

##### ***Concentration Courses – 27 credits***

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| Psychopathology in Counseling                  | MHS 6070 | 3   |
| Foundations of Rehabilitation Counseling       | RCS 6031 | 3   |
| Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Disability | RCS 6080 | 3   |
| Occupational Information and Job Placement     | RCS 6320 | 3   |
| Case Management and Vocational Rehabilitation  | RCS 6644 | 3   |
| Rehabilitation Counseling Practicum            | RCS 6801 | 3   |
| Rehabilitation Counseling Internship           | RCS 6825 | 3-6 |

(may be taken over two terms for a total of 6 credits)

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>63</b> |
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#### **Admission Requirements for School Counseling Concentration (New, effective summer 2025.)**

1. The student must meet College and University requirements.

2. The student must have a minimum **3.0 undergraduate GPA** ~~grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 credits of undergraduate study~~ or overall 3.0 for all graduate-level coursework.
3. The student must provide a professional goal statement (one-to-two pages) and three letters of recommendation on each reference's letterhead attesting to the student's suitability for graduate study and entry into the field of professional counseling.
4. Admissions are made twice each year on a competitive basis.
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7. The student may take no more than 18 graduate credits from FAU toward the degree prior to admission to the master's degree program in Counselor Education.
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