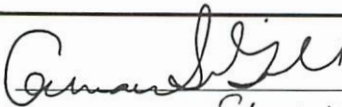
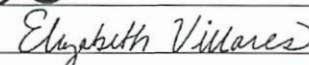
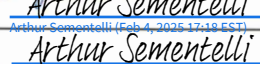
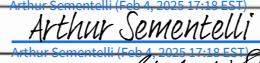
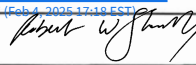


 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department Department of Counselor Education College Education		
Program Name Certificate in School Counseling PK-12		☒ New Program* ☐ Change Program*	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Summer 2025
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment. The State of Florida has two paths for school counseling certification - https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/certificate-subjects/administrative-rules/6a-4-0181.stml. Plan one requires completing a master's or higher degree in School Counseling. Plan two allows individuals with a closely related counseling degree to complete a specified school counseling curriculum, including a 600-hour internship in a K12 setting. The Department of Counselor Education's School Counseling concentration aims to create an 18-credit non-degree Certificate in School Counseling PK-12 and address the shortages across Florida. The certificate requires satisfactory completion of the following: MHS 6421 Counseling Children (3 credits), MHS 6423 Counseling Adolescents (3 credits), MHS 6600 Consultation and Behavior Management (3 credits), SDS 5010 Fundamentals of School Guidance (3 credits), A 600-hour internship with K12 students in a school setting (SDS 6820 Internship—6 credits), and A grade of B or higher in all courses and an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.			
*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 Elizabeth Villares Sacks, Ph.D. Email: evillare@fau.edu Phone: 561-297-3602		Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation	
Approved by Department Chair  College Curriculum Chair  College Dean  UGPC Chair  UGC Chair  Graduate College Dean  UFS President _____ Provost _____		Date 10/28/24 10/31/24 11/1/2024 02/04/2025 02/04/2025 02/05/2025 _____ _____	

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Non-Degree Certificate in School Counseling PK-12

Rationale: There is currently a shortage of school counselors across Florida school districts. The State of Florida has two paths for school counseling certification. <https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/certificate-subjects/administrative-rules/6a-4-0181.stml>

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Florida school districts and individuals request a path for qualified candidates to meet state accreditation requirements without pursuing a degree. The department's School Counseling Concentration aims to create an 18-credit non-degree Certificate in School Counseling PK-12 and address the shortages across Florida. The new certificate includes courses currently provided and does not incur additional program or department costs.

Non-Degree Certificate in School Counseling PK-12 Admission Requirements

1. Earned a master's or higher degree from a CACREP-approved counseling program.
2. Minimum graduate program GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. A professional goal statement (one-to-two pages).
4. 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.
5. License as a Clinical Mental Health, Marriage and Family, or Rehabilitation counselor.
6. Verified employment in a Florida school district with confirmation of the applicant's assigned two-year mentor.

Required Course Titles	Prefix/Number	Credits
Counseling Children	MHS 6421	3
Counseling Adolescents	MHS 6423	3
Consultation and Behavior Management	MHS 6600	3
Fundamentals of School Counseling	SDS 5010	3
Internship – Counselor Education (may be taken over two semesters)	SDS 6820	6

<https://www.fau.edu/registrar/university-catalog/catalog/education/>

COUNSELOR EDUCATION

Faculty:

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Mission Statement

Counselor Education's mission is to educate a diverse community of students for professional counseling practice and leadership in local, national and international domains. Mindful that education extends beyond coursework, faculty and students collaborate with schools, communities, agencies and professionals to conduct research and provide services. The research and services are provided with the highest ethical and professional standards in response to the personal, educational and vocational needs of individuals and families living in diverse and multicultural environments. Faculty aspire to uncover new knowledge and relevant research, create dynamic atmospheres for learning and encourage students to actualize their potential, all with the goal of achieving just solutions to human concerns.

Degree Programs Available

At the undergraduate level, the Department of Counselor Education offers developmental courses that give students considering the field a realistic and comprehensive view of counselors and what they do. The department also offers a certificate in [Applied Mental Health Services](#) in conjunction with the Department of Psychology in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. This certificate program provides a curricular experience for students who wish to pursue careers in clinical psychology, mental health counseling and allied human services that enhances the student's chosen major. Certificate details and program requirements are listed under the [Interdisciplinary Programs](#) catalog section.

At the graduate level, **the department offers a non-degree certificate in School Counseling PK-12**, a Master of Education (M.Ed.) with major in Counselor Education and three concentrations, a combined [Master of Education \(M.Ed.\) to Specialist in Education \(Ed.S.\) with major in Counselor Education](#) and two concentrations, and a Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) with major in Counselor Education with ~~two~~ **three** concentrations. A Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with major in Counseling is also part of this department's offerings.

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Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 13:57:47 Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: RE: School Counseling: New Program and Program Change Proposals
Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 at 2:34:07 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Dale Williams
To: Elizabeth Sacks
Attachments: image001.png

No impact on CSD.

From: Elizabeth Sacks <evillare@fau.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 2:14 PM
To: Charles Dukes <cdukes@fau.edu>; Robert Shockley <SHOCKLEY@fau.edu>; Joseph Brojomohun-Gagnon <josephgagnon@fau.edu>; Dale Williams <DWILLIAM@health.fau.edu>
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Subject: Re: School Counseling: New Program and Program Change Proposals
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 8:39:08 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Joseph Brojomohun-Gagnon
To: Elizabeth Sacks, Charles Dukes, Robert Shockley, Dale Williams
CC: Carman Gill, Mikaela Kursell, Sarah Roberts
Attachments: image002.png

Hi,
Theses changes will not impact the Special Education department.
Cheers,
Joe

Joseph Calvin Gagnon, Ph.D.
Professor & Department Chair
Department of Special Education

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Subject: Re: School Counseling: New Program and Program Change Proposals
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 10:54:37 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Charles Dukes
To: Elizabeth Sacks
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Hello,

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction does have a conflict with either proposal.

Charles Dukes, EdD, PhD

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Subject: Fw: School Counseling: New Program and Program Change Proposals
Date: October 31, 2024 at 9:15 AM
To: Elizabeth Sacks evillare@fau.edu
Cc: Joy McClellan JMCCLEL2@fau.edu

PS

Good morning Elizabeth,

Please see the response below.

Respectfully,

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BSW Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor

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From: Joy McClellan <JMCCLEL2@fau.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 8:59:02 AM
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Subject: Re: School Counseling: New Program and Program Change Proposals

Good morning,

The MSW Program Committee of the School of Social Work reviewed the following and acknowledge that these changes will not impact our programs:

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Thank you,

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