

Admissions Procedures for the M.Ed. Programs in Counseling

Complete and submit application materials online.

Application Deadlines

March 1 – Fall Semester

October 1 – Spring Semester

- Application for Admission to Graduate School – Online Only [<https://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/how-to-apply.html>]
 - Include your supplemental essays for the Counseling Program with your online application
 - Request recommendation letters from two references (Appropriate references would be former college instructors, academic advisors, or work supervisors who are knowledgeable about your abilities, work performance and personal qualities.)
- Official Transcripts [Request form all colleges and universities you have attended] send to: gradadm@umsl.edu.

The deadline for all application materials to be received by the Counseling Admissions department is March 1 for the Fall Semester enrollment and October 1 for Spring Semester enrollment. The review process will be initiated only for those applications that are complete by the above deadlines. It is each applicant's responsibility to ensure that their application is complete.

The Program Admissions Committee will review all complete applications after the deadline date. Some applicants will be invited to interview with representatives from the Counseling Program. Following interviews, the Committee will recommend to the Dean of the Graduate School whether you should be admitted or not. The Graduate School makes the final decision about admission. You will be notified approximately six weeks after the application deadline. Throughout the application process, you will be notified, via e-mail exclusively, of the receipt of materials.

Admission to the Master's degree programs in counseling is competitive, and we receive more applications than we can accept. Not all qualified applicants can be admitted. Counseling faculty members recognize that potential counseling effectiveness cannot be assessed in the same manner as academic performance in typical college classes. Students striving to become effective counselors need to be aware of how their values affect their behavior. Potential counselors must be able to communicate effectively, be open-minded, tolerate ambiguity, appreciate diversity, exhibit a high degree of patience, demonstrate emotional stability and self-acceptance, and have other skills and capabilities associated with counselor effectiveness.