

School Counseling Program

UMSL offers a 60 credit hour master's degree with an emphasis in Elementary and/or Secondary School Counseling. Although other institutions offer similar programs, UMSL's program features the expertise of an accomplished research faculty with diverse interests. Many opportunities also exist for practical experience, service learning, and specialized courses and projects.

All UMSL master and doctoral counseling degrees have advanced professional accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs [CACREP]. Accreditation by CACREP is highly recognized and facilitates attainment of additional credentials.

Why is a Degree in Counseling from UMSL important to my future career?

- You will receive instruction from nationally and internationally recognized full time faculty with doctorates in the counseling field.
- Your practicum and field experience will receive personalized supervision [faculty:student ratio of 1:12].
- You will have opportunities for clinical experience in a wide range of school settings or community agencies throughout the region with a focus on preparing students to work in historically marginalized and diverse communities.

What are the Course Requirements?

- The M.Ed. In School Counseling is a 60 credit hour program, which includes a 600 hour clinical field experience. Specific elective credits are required for non-certified teachers and individuals without teaching degrees to obtain state certification as a school counselor. All courses are offered in the evenings and day courses are offered in the summer. Upon admission, students have up to six years to complete the program.

What are the Graduation requirements?

- Graduating students of the Master of Education in Counseling program must complete all coursework with a 3.0 or higher GPA and pass a comprehensive examination [administered at least twice a year in February and October].
- Graduates with an emphasis in School Counseling are eligible to take the State of Missouri examination for certification in elementary school and secondary school counseling. Graduates are also eligible to take the state examination for the Licensed Professional Counselor [LPC] credential.