

COUNSELING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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Concentration in Licensure (Post-Master's)

This 15-credit concentration is designed for individuals who possess a master's degree in counseling or a highly-related field and seek 15 credits of post-graduate coursework to meet licensure requirements as a Virginia School Counselor or Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor. The certificate program is limited to graduates of the George Mason University Counseling and Development program. Applicants should review licensure requirements for becoming a Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor and verify course equivalency with the Virginia Board of Counseling (see Board of Counseling content area list online (<http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling>)).

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

The Counseling Graduate Certificate is open only to graduates of the GMU Counseling and Development program.

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

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Coursework

Once accepted into the post-master's graduate certificate program, students individually tailor their coursework with an advisor to meet licensure requirements and may enroll for the courses listed below or other core program courses as needed. Students must successfully complete (pass) a minimum of nine counseling and development credits with a grade of B or better prior to enrolling in practicum or internship.

Virginia School Counselor

Choose 15 credits from the following Virginia School Counseling courses listed below. Students studying for the MEd in Counseling and Development may also meet Virginia School Counselor licensure requirements through coursework offered under the MEd's School Counseling PK-12 concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 15 credits from the following:		15
EDCD 606	Counseling Children and Adolescents	
EDCD 611	Introduction to Ethical and Legal Issues in School Counseling	
EDCD 626	Principles and Practices of School Counseling	
EDCD 755	Practicum in Counseling	
EDCD 791	Internship in Counseling	
EDCD 797	Advanced Topics in Education	
Total Credits		15

Licensed Professional Counselor

Choose 15 credits from the following Licensed Professional Counselor courses listed below. Students studying for the MEd in Counseling and Development may also meet Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor licensure requirements through coursework offered under the MEd's Community Agency Counseling concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 15 credits from the following:		15
EDCD 609	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	
EDCD 652	Introduction to Substance Abuse Counseling	
EDCD 654	Counseling and Ethics in Community Agencies	
EDCD 656	Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Mental Health Professionals	
EDCD 658	Couples and Family Counseling	
EDCD 755	Practicum in Counseling	
EDCD 791	Internship in Counseling	
EDCD 797	Advanced Topics in Education	
Total Credits		15