

COUNSELING, MEd

Banner Code: E1-MED-CNSL

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This master's program emphasizes the integration of theory and practice and culminates with internships in an appropriate setting. Students may choose one of two concentrations: Clinical Mental Health Counseling or School Counseling.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Grading

Students enrolled in this degree program must earn a B or higher in counseling courses and in all licensure coursework, including practicum and internship courses. Students are permitted to repeat a course only once.

For policies governing all graduate programs, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

In addition to coursework, students in Virginia Department of Education licensure pathways must complete additional licensure requirements to fulfill graduation requirements. See Degree Requirements.

Requirements

(formerly E1-MED-CNDV)

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 60

Core Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
EDCD 525	Advanced Human Growth and Development	3
EDCD 601	Introduction to Research in Counseling	3
EDCD 603	Counseling Theories	3
EDCD 604	Assessment and Appraisal in Counseling	3
EDCD 605	Introduction to Counseling Skills	3
EDCD 606	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
EDCD 608	Group Processes and Analyses	4
EDCD 610	Career and Educational Counseling	3

EDCD 612	Counselor Professional Identity, Function, and Ethics	3
EDCD 619	Trauma and Crisis Counseling	3
EDCD 628	Counseling and Social Justice	3
EDCD 652	Introduction to Addictions Counseling	3
EDCD 656	Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Mental Health Professionals	3
EDCD 660	Multicultural Counseling	3
Electives selected from EDCD courses or permission of advisor (https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/edcd/)		5

Total Credits 48

Concentration in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMH)

Students studying for the MEd in Counseling may also meet Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor licensure requirements through coursework offered under the MEd's Clinical Mental Health Counseling concentration. Students must complete the following Licensed Professional Counselor courses listed below.

Code	Title	Credits
EDCD 658	Couples and Family Counseling	3
EDCD 750	Practicum in Mental Health Counseling	3

Six Credits in Internship in Mental Health Counseling 6

EDCD 752	Internship in Mental Health Counseling I II	
EDCD 792 & EDCD 793	Internship in Mental Health Counseling I and Internship in Mental Health Counseling II	

Total Credits 12

Concentration in School Counseling (SC)

Students studying for the MEd in Counseling may also meet Virginia School Counselor licensure requirements through coursework offered under the MEd's School Counseling concentration. Students must complete the following Virginia Professional School Counselor courses listed below.

Code	Title	Credits
EDCD 614	Foundations, Principles, and Practices of School Counseling	3
EDCD 751	Practicum in School Counseling	3
Six Credits in Internship in School Counseling 6		
EDCD 796	Internship in School Counseling I II	
EDCD 794 & EDCD 795	Internship in School Counseling I and Internship in School Counseling II	

Total Credits 12

Licensure Requirements

Students enrolled in the licensure concentration must successfully complete the following licensure requirement to

complete the program. This requirement must be satisfied before graduation:

- Emergency First Aid, Hands-on CPR and AED certification or training

Licensure testing and statutory requirements are determined by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may change at any time. If changes to these requirements occur, students must meet the current testing, statutory, and licensure requirements as set forth in the legal Code of Virginia.