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

Policies
Applicants with more than seven courses to take to meet the course content requirements for licensure must apply to one of our master’s degree programs.

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.

Concentration in Licensure (Post-Master’s) (LCNS)
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.

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Licensed Professional Counselor
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