COUNSELING LICENSURE POST-MASTER'S GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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This 15-credit certificate 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. Applicants with master's degrees outside of counseling, who would like to meet licensure requirements as a Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor, must verify course equivalency with the Virginia Board of Counseling (see Board of Counseling content area list online (http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling)).

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

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

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 Licensed Professional Counselor licensure requirements through coursework offered under the MEd's Community Agency Counseling concentration.

Select 15 credits from the following:

- EDC 606 Counseling Children and Adolescents
- EDC 611 Introduction to Ethical and Legal Issues in School Counseling

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.

Select 15 credits from the following:

- EDC 609 Advanced Counseling Skills and Strategies
- EDC 652 Introduction to Substance Abuse Counseling
- EDC 654 Counseling, Ethics, and Consultation in Community Agencies
- EDC 656 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Mental Health Professionals
- EDC 658 Couples and Family Counseling
- EDC 755 Practicum in Counseling
- EDC 791 Internship in Counseling
- EDC 797 Advanced Topics in Education

Total Credits

15