

COUNSELING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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This 15-credit certificate is designed for individuals who possess a master's degree in counseling with a desire to complete post-graduate coursework to meet licensure requirements as a Virginia Professional School Counselor or Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor. 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/>)).

Available Concentrations

Concentration in School Counseling (Post-Master's)

This 15-credit concentration is designed for individuals who possess a master's degree in counseling and seek 15 credits of post-graduate coursework to meet licensure requirements as a Virginia Professional School Counselor.

Concentration in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Post-Master's)

This 15-credit concentration is designed for individuals who possess a master's degree in counseling and seek 15 credits of post-graduate coursework to meet licensure requirements as a Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor. 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

- Applicants must have an earned Master's in Counseling with a primary focus in Community Agency/Clinical Mental Health Counseling or School Counseling; other applicable areas of counseling considered upon review.

Policies

Individuals interested in pursuing a license in school counseling or as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) should submit a full application. This is a competitive and holistic process in which the faculty will conduct a full transcript review and admissions interview.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

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

Concentration in School Counseling (Post Master's) (SCPM)

Students studying for the MEd in Counseling (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/counseling-med/>) may also meet Virginia School Counselor licensure requirements through coursework offered under the MEd's School Counseling PK-12 concentration. 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.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
EDCD 606	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
EDCD 613	Introduction to School Counseling	3
EDCD 626	Principles and Practices of School Counseling	3
EDCD 755	Practicum in Counseling	3
EDCD 791	Internship in Counseling	3
Total Credits		15

Concentration in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Post Master's) (CHPM)

Choose 15 credits from the following Licensed Professional Counselor courses listed below. Students studying for the MEd in Counseling (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/counseling-med/>) may also meet Virginia Licensed Professional Counselor licensure requirements through coursework offered under the MEd's Clinical Mental Health Counseling concentration.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
Select 15 credits from the following:		15
EDCD 609	Counseling Skills and Strategies for Adults	
EDCD 652	Introduction to Substance Abuse Counseling	
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	
Total Credits		15