

# Master of Science in Counseling and College Student Personnel

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The Master of Science in Counseling and College Student Personnel prepares professionals for careers in student affairs and student services in colleges, universities and community colleges. A master's degree in this area prepares individuals to work in various functions of student services, including academic advising, career counseling, residence life, admission and enrollment management, student activities, disabled student services, multicultural affairs, international student programs and adult re-entry/post-traditional learners programs.

## Admission to the Master of Science in Counseling and College Student Personnel

To assure a prompt admission decision, applicants for admission to the Counseling and College Student Personnel Program should submit all application materials by July 1 for fall semester and November 1 for spring semester. All application materials are to be collected by the applicant and submitted together. Admission decisions for regular standing are based on the following materials in the applicant's file:

1. A completed application form and non-refundable application fee
  2. Official transcripts showing a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution
  3. Test scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or an approved petition to waive the examination, based on criteria cited below\*
  4. A personal statement following the guidelines included in the admissions packet
  5. Three professional letters of recommendation
  6. Evidence of initial interview and program advisement with a faculty adviser
- \*Applicants whose undergraduate records do not satisfy the criteria set forth in paragraphs A-D below must include Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores in their admission portfolios. The GRE may be waived for applicants who present an official transcript of previous college work from a regionally accredited college or university reflecting any one of the following criteria:
- a. An undergraduate, upper division grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale); or
  - b. A combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the most recent 60 units of study consisting of any of the following: graduate course work, upper division postbaccalaureate course work (exclusive of extension or continuing education work) and upper division undergraduate course work; or
  - c. A minimum of nine units of graduate course work completed with a 3.5 grade point average; or
  - d. A previously earned master's degree.

Note: International applicants must submit the following:

1. An International Student Application Form and additional required documents
2. GRE and TOEFL scores if undergraduate work was completed at other than a regionally accredited U.S. institution

Note: Changes in state law may alter requirements.

## Requirements for the Master of Science in Counseling and College Student Personnel

1. Completion of courses required for the M.S. in Counseling and College Student Personnel listed below totaling between 48 and 51 units:

EDGN 509	Introduction to Educational Research	3
EDGN 510	Educational Research Design	3
EDCG 511	Program Assessment/Evaluation & Grant	3
EDCG 513	College Student Development	3
EDCG 521	Counseling Theory and Practice	3
EDCG 523	Group Process and Leadership	3
EDCG 526	Microskills in Counseling	3
EDCG 527	Educational and Career Planning	3
EDCG 528	Practicum	3
EDCG 530	Organization & Administration CSP	3
EDCG 531	Programs & Functions in CSP	3
EDCG 535	Field Study in College Student Personnel	2
EDCG 566	Educational Leadership	3
EDCG 582	Legal and Ethical Issues in Higher Educ	3
EDCG 581	Diverse Perspectives Educ/Cultural Ldrsh	3
EDCG 583	Professional Development in Practice	1

EDCG 584	Student Retention and Success	3
2. Select one of the following:		0-3
Comprehensive Examination		
EDGN 599	Thesis Research ((Optional))	
Total Hours		48-51