

Counselor Education Graduate Programs

Certification Only in School Counseling

Program Description

The non-degree School Counseling certification-only program is designed to help students complete the course requirements for certification as a PreK-12 counselor.

Program Coordinator

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Delivery Mode

Traditional (on-ground, face-to-face delivery with some online/distance elements)

Accreditation

Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

Approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education

School counseling programs at Cal U are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Through the University, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Post-Secondary Schools accredits the Department of Counselor Education. The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) accredits the school counseling programs (elementary and secondary school guidance). Courses offered by the Department of Counselor Education have been approved by both the National Board for Certified Counselors and by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for certification and continuing education credits (Act 48). The department is authorized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education to offer certification programs in PK-12 School Counseling.

Curriculum

Course	Credits
Area I: Core Courses Required for Candidacy	
CED 700 Foundations of School Counseling	3
CED 702 Counseling Theory	3
CED 710 Counseling Skills and Techniques	3
CED 724 Experiential Group Process	3
Area II: Advanced Counseling Core	
CED 705 Developmental Group Counseling	3
CED 720 Cross-cultural Counseling	3
CED 786 Career Counseling	3
Area III: Field Education Course	
CED 711 Practicum in Counselor Education	3
CED 712 Clinical Field Experience in Counselor Education	6
CED 787 Integration, Collaboration and Consultation	3

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Course	Credits
Area IV: Counseling and Education Courses	
CED 732 Current Issues in School Counseling: Evidence Based Practices and Inclusion	3
Area V: Psychological Foundations	
CED 721 Diagnosis and Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
CED 722 Assessment Procedures for Counselors	3
CED 755 Counseling Across the Life Span: Prevention and Treatment in Schools and the Community	3
Area VI: Research	
CED 785 Research Methods in Counseling	3
Total	48

If you have not taken the following courses or their equivalent as either an undergraduate or graduate, they are required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and must be taken in order to receive school counseling certification:

- **ESP 610** Special Ed: Foundations and Collaboration (3 credits)
- **EDU 650** Supporting English Language Learners (3 credits)

Practicum/Field Education

Practicum and clinical field experience are taken near the end of the student's program. Practicum requires a minimum of 150 hours on-site. The student will be supervised by a professional in their area of interest. The clinical field experience requires a minimum of 600 hours under the supervision of a professional in the student's area of interest. This will be arranged in consultation with the field coordinator.

Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/graduate/certificates/education/school-counseling/>