



Ph.D in Counselor Education

The Ph.D. in Counselor Education offered by the Counselor Education Program in the College of Education at the University of New Mexico is designed so our students can develop the requisite competencies for careers in academic and professional service settings. The coursework and research requirements of the program prepare graduates to vie for faculty positions in graduate-level counselor education programs and as educators, researchers, supervisors and consultants in government, education, and business settings. The program offers both Doctoral and Master's degrees that are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

The Counselor Education Program Purpose and Aspirations.

Consistent with the goals and vision of the College of Education, the Counselor Education Program is committed to promoting excellence and diversity in teaching, scholarship, and community service. We work to promote an understanding of human development and psychological health that will improve and foster optimal potential for individuals, families, and our communities. The program features an integration of theory, research, and practice and interdisciplinary collaboration that is intended to prepare counselors who are informed, who will be sensitive to the diversity and uniqueness of individuals, families, and communities, and who will value and promote the dignity, potential and well-being of all people.

The doctoral program is intended to enable qualifying Master's level counselors to extend their career opportunities. Ordinarily students enter the Ph.D. program having already earned a Master's degree in Counseling, having developed their counseling skills, and being license eligible as a professional counselor. The Ph.D. program prepares students to demonstrate proficiency in research, counseling theory and practice, teaching, supervision, consultation, and diversity studies, beyond the competencies required of Master's level counselors. To this end we are especially invested in our doctoral students being able to articulate an integrative theory of professional counseling, engaging in supervised practice of counseling supervision, teaching, research, consultation, and developing expertise in understanding the variety of social ecological factors that advance wellness within people. *The Ph.D. program is **not** a psychology program and **does not** prepare students for Licensure as a psychologist.*

Application and Admission Procedure.

To apply to the Ph.D. Program contact the Counselor Education Program by calling **(505) 277-4535**, or emailing a request to divbse@unm.edu. You will be sent an application packet that includes the program information sheet, program application, and three Letters of Recommendation. Please carefully follow the instructions contained in the application packet you receive. Also, be aware that you need to apply to the Office of Admissions either submitting a paper application or for faster service apply online at www.unm.edu/~grad. You will also need to turn in an Official transcript from every University or institution of higher learning that you have attended. There is also a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00.

How Your Application is Evaluated.

There are a variety of criteria we consider in evaluating your application:

- * Your academic preparation and potential to complete a rigorous Ph.D. program. Your academic preparation, academic transcripts, undergraduate and graduate GPAs, and three letters of reference.

- * As previously noted, ordinarily our Doctoral applicants have already earned a Master's degree in counseling or a related discipline (e.g., marriage and family therapy, social work, psychology).
- * Applicants must be licensed or license eligible as a counselor or related profession in New Mexico. Applicants who are not license eligible can be provisionally admitted if they have the potential for remediating their deficiencies and gaining license eligibility within a short time of matriculating (usually one year).
- * Your professional experience. We will assess the quality of your work/volunteer experience and its relevance to your development as a counselor.
- * A sample of academic or professional writing.
- * Three sealed and signed letters of recommendation.
- * A letter of intent specifying your purpose for pursuing a doctorate in counseling, indicating your beliefs and/or theoretical orientation towards the counseling process, and noting your experience with diversity and multiculturalism.
- * Results from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT). There is no established cutoff score for these tests to qualify for admission.
- * Your interview with faculty. Applicants selected from an initial screening (based on the aforementioned criteria) are invited to interview with the faculty. This provides us with the opportunity to meet one another and for you to expand on your qualifications for admittance.

The Counselor Education Ph.D. Program of Studies

The program of studies features several areas in which professional expertise must be attained. These are counseling theory and practice, research, teaching, supervision, consultation, diversity/multicultural issues, and a concentration area of study. A total of 94 credit hours are required to successfully complete the Ph.D. degree. The Counselor Education Program will accept up to 36 hours of graduate transfer credit to be applied to the Ph.D.

Counseling Core Coures (12 credits)

COUN 610 Professional Issues and Ethics (3)
 COUN 621 Advanced Theories (3)
 COUN 696 Internship (6)

Research (16 credits)

EdPy 511 Intro to Educational Statistics (3)
 EdPy 505 Conducting Quantitative Educ Research (3)
 EdPy 504 Statistical Software Applications for Educational Research (3) OR
 ETSCS 502 Naturalistic Inquiry (3) OR
 ETSCS 623 Ethnographic Research (3)
 EdPy 603 Statistical Design & Analysis (3)

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ELOL 605 Qualitative Research (3)
 EdPy 650 Dissertation Seminar (1)

Possible optional courses: EdPy 604 Multiple Regression, EdPy 606 Statistical design for Multiple Dependent Measures, EdPy 651 Seminar in Statistics and Data Processing.

Teaching (6 credits)

- COUN 620 Teaching of Counseling (3)
CIMTE 513 The Process of Teaching & Learning (3), OR
OLIT 503 Instructional Techniques & Applications (3), OR
OLIT 546 Cross Cultural Issues in Adult Learning (3)

Supervision (6 credits)

- COUN 514 Supervision of Counseling (3)
COUN 630 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Supervision (3)

Consultation (3 credits)

- COUN 620 Seminar in Counseling Consultation

Diversity Studies (9 credits, three of the following)

- Anth 537 Seminar in Southwestern Anthropology (3)
Anth 538 Seminar in Cultural Change (3)
Comm 523 Seminar in Intercultural Communication (3)
COUN 581 Gender Issues in Counseling (3)
COUN 584 Multicultural Issues (3)
ELOL 522 Education and Anthropology (3)
ELOL 587 Perspectives on Sex & Gender in Education (3)
Mgmt 560 Cross Cultural Organizational Behavior (3)
Psyc 573 Seminar in Cross Cultural Research (3)
Soc 520 Racial and Ethnic Relations (3)
Soc 529 Social & Cultural Change (3)
SpecEd 501 The Psychology and Education of Exceptional Persons (3)
SpecEd 520 Nature & Needs of the Mentally Retarded (3)
SpecEd 530 Nature & Needs of the Behaviorally Disordered (3)
SpecEd 625 Seminar in Mental Retardation (3)
SpecEd 630 Clinical & Behavioral Aspects of Behavior Disorders (3)

Concentration (24 credits)

Concentrations are typically selected from the following disciplines: Educational Administration, Educational Psychology, Family Studies, Health Education, Management, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Health, Training & Learning Technologies, and Sociology.

Dissertation (18 credits)**Other Counseling Electives**

- COUN 525 Experimental Counseling (3)
COUN 541 Counseling Children & Adolescents (3)
COUN 560 Family Counseling (3)
COUN 576 Medical Aspects of Counseling (3)

The doctoral program also requires 150 hours of Advanced Practicum and 600 hours of Internship typically involving practical experience in counseling, supervision, teaching, research, and consultation. Counseling and/or research Internships are arranged with the doctoral program coordinator.

To learn more about the UNM's College of Education and Counselor Education Program see our website at <http://coe.unm.edu>.