Degree Program
A minimum of 48 credit hours is required for School Counseling and 60 credit hours is required for Clinical Mental Health. Students must take Cns Ed 6000, Personal and Professional Development in Counseling, in their first semester. M.Ed. applicants are accepted only on a provisional basis pending their completion of Cns Ed 6000 and a review by the Counseling Faculty Review Board. Individuals seeking certification as a professional school counselor in the State of Missouri who are non-teacher certificated must take the following courses in addition to their counseling degree: ED PSY 6111, SPEC ED 6412, SPEC ED 6325, and ELE ED 6411 or SEC ED 6415. Students seeking K-12 certification must take both ELE ED 6411 and SEC ED 6415. In addition, a comprehensive examination is required before graduation.

Emphasis Areas
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Elementary School Counseling
Secondary School Counseling

Application Requirements
1. Application to Graduate School
   http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html
2. Counseling Department Requirements
   Admissions Procedures
   Recommendation Form
   Supplemental Application
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
   Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master’s program.
4. Entrance examinations
   a. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
5. Three letters of recommendation
   Letters that address academic potential must be provided by individuals who can accurately assess it, such as previous instructors, professors, etc.
6. Grade Point Average
   Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.

Application Deadlines
Fall semester: May 1
Spring semester: October 1
Applications that are not received by the posted date are delayed until the next application review cycle.
Application Fee
$50 for domestic applicants; $40 for international applicants

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