

Graduate Certificate Child and Adolescent Counseling

Program Requirements:

A minimum of 12 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- Apply knowledge and skills to provide developmentally and culturally responsive counseling for children and adolescents
- Use theoretically based techniques when counseling children and adolescents in various settings
- Analyze factors that influence children and adolescents' academic, career, social, and emotional well-being and success
- Demonstrate strategies to support and advocate for the mental health of children and youth involved in various systems of care, including family, school, and community settings

Application Requirements:

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Statement of Purpose: A 1-2 page essay explaining your interest in the program and why you are a strong candidate.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor's degree is required.
4. Entrance examinations:
 - a. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
5. **Minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale**
6. Current "good standing" (non-probation) in an UMSL graduate mental health practitioner training program: counseling, social work, or psychology) **OR** all of the following criteria:
 - a. Undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better;
 - b. Enrollment in a graduate mental health practitioner or related training program or earned Master's degree in mental health field (or related)
 - c. Letters of Recommendation: 2 letters of recommendation are required from individuals who can evaluate your recent academic performance.
 - d. Two-page personal statement explaining the applicant's personal and professional goals

Application Deadlines:

Domestic Applicants: Fall - July 1 ♦ Spring - December 1 ♦ Summer - May 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

Application Fees:

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

Graduate Program Director:

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Advising

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