

Graduate Certificate Career Counseling

Program Requirements:

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

- The Career Counseling Graduate Certificate is for individuals and students who want to add an additional focus of career counseling to their academic credentials.
- The goals of the Graduate Certificate in Career Counseling are: (a) to provide an academic program to help counselors, career development professionals, and students increase their competency in supporting the career development of all their clients across various settings; (b) to provide a curriculum focused on helping counselors, career development professionals, and students apply knowledge and skill to practice in the areas of career assessment, career decision making, career counseling with PK-16 students and adults; (c) increase career development professionals' awareness of social justice issues and their impact on career development.

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.
 - a. Description of individual goals and areas of interest.
3. 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 must be met:

1. Undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better;
2. Enrollment in a graduate mental health practitioner or related training program or earned Master's degree in mental health field (or related);
3. Two letters of recommendation with at least one from a current or former college-level instructor (or someone with a graduate degree who can attest to the applicant's capacity to complete graduate-level work);
4. 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

Application Fees:

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

Graduate Program Director:

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Advising

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