

Graduate Certificate School Counseling – Post-Master's

Degree Program

- A 15-credit program designed for individuals who want to become professional school counselors and have already earned Master's degrees from an accredited university in other counseling specialties like clinical mental health counseling, couples and family counseling, and others.

Program Website

https://coe.umsil.edu/mycoe/p2_pe/viewProgram/program_id/GC.Couns_K12

Application Requirements

1. Graduate School Application
 - a. <http://umsil.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Successful completion of a master's degree in Counseling (e.g., Clinical Mental Health Counseling; Community Counseling; Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling; Career Counseling) from an accredited university with a minimum of 48 semester credit hours completed;
3. Statement of Purpose
 - a. Description of individual goals and areas of interest.
4. Two Letters of Recommendation
 - a. Letters that address academic potential must be provided by individuals who can accurately assess it such as previous instructors, professors, etc.
5. Transcripts
 - a. Official transcripts for all prior higher education institutions.
 - b. By the time of enrollment, prospective students must have obtained a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent from an accredited college or university.
 - c. International applicants are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
6. Two-page personal statement explaining the applicant's personal and professional goals.
7. Video role play of counseling skills with mock-client.
8. Grade Point Average
 - a. Minimum of 2.75 on 4.0 scale

Application Deadline

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

- Fall term – July 1
- Spring term – December 1
- Summer term – May 1

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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