

COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOL COUNSELING

MASTER OF EDUCATION
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

www.sru.edu/counseling



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Students in the School Counseling Program will earn a Master of Education degree and will be eligible for certification as a professional school counselor in grades K-12 in Pennsylvania. If students desire to seek credentials as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Pennsylvania, additional courses may be taken. Additionally, graduates procured positions at the post-secondary level.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Want a transformative experience that will help you change the lives of others? The Master of Education degree in School Counseling is designed to prepare students for work in elementary and secondary schools and offers:

- Small class sizes which allow faculty to work intensively with students
- A rigorous curriculum that can be completed in 2 years
- Faculty that hold doctorates and are engaging, student centered, and highly committed to teaching
- A cohort program model
- Flexibility to add credits and design a personalized path for credentials that lead to being a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and are license-eligible in Pennsylvania as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- A modern counselor training facility that utilizes the latest technology
- Experiential, hands-on learning that occurs throughout the program
- Professional development funding
- Opportunities to present at and attend regional, state, and national conferences



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The School Counseling program is housed in Slippery Rock University's Department of Counseling and Development which also has three other high quality, hands-on degree programs: Clinical Mental Health Counseling*, Student Affairs in Higher Education, and College Counseling*. All faculty in the Department of Counseling and Development draw upon their experience working in their respective fields to provide dynamic learning opportunities for our students.

*All candidates completing this program are eligible to become an LPC in PA after achieving a passing score on the National Counselor Examination. Additionally, candidates must obtain supervised experience, which can begin after the completion of the degree. If you are interested in working in another state, please contact the licensing board in that state.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for unconditional admission.
2. A written statement indicating interest in the program, experience, and career goals submitted to graduate.admissions@sru.edu.
3. [A resume submitted to](#) graduate.admissions@sru.edu.
4. A Reference Release Form found at www.sru.edu/graduate, under "Forms."
5. Two academic recommendation forms from a former or current college or university faculty member with knowledge of the applicant's academic aptitude, suitability for intended program area, and ability to form interpersonal relationships. Recommendations must be on appropriate forms, which are available electronically at www.sru.edu/graduate, under "Forms."

Selected applicants will be invited for an interview. The priority deadline for applications seeking Graduate Assistantships is December 1. After this time, applications will be taken on a rolling basis. The school counseling program has fall start dates only.

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SCHOOL COUNSELING CURRICULUM (48 CREDITS)

The Master of Education in School Counseling is a 48-credit hour program which meets the criteria for certification as a K-12 Professional School Counselor outlined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The Praxis exam can be taken on-site at Slippery Rock University.

Year One, Fall (12 credits)

- CDEV 613: Introduction to School Counseling
- CDEV 614: Helping Relationships
- CDEV 670: Counseling Theory
- CDEV 699: Introduction to Research

Year One, Spring (12 credits)

- CDEV 610: Life-Span Development
- CDEV 621: Social and Cultural Diversity
- CDEV 682: Assessment for School Counselors
- CDEV 688: Counseling in the Schools

Year One, Summer (3-6 credits)

Electives/Chapter 49 - 2 Education Courses *

Year Two, Fall (9-12 credits)

- CDEV 603: Career Development and Counseling
- CDEV 612: Group Counseling
- CDEV 703: School Counseling Practicum
- Electives/Chapter 49-2 Education Courses*

Year Two, Spring (9-12 credits)

- CDEV 750: School Counseling Internship (6 credits elementary and secondary)
- Electives/Chapter 49-2 Education Courses*

**If a student has already met the PDE Chapter 49-2 requirements, then they are able to choose 3 electives per advisor approval. If a student has not already completed the specific education courses to meet PDE Chapter 49-2 requirements from their undergraduate study, they will need to take the 3 courses listed below in the Education Specific Courses to meet Chapter 49-2 Standards as their electives. PDE Chapter 49-2 requirement courses are online and need to be scheduled outside of the CDEV department. They can be taken at any time during the program depending on when the courses are offered.*

Education Specific Courses to meet Chapter 49-2 Standards**
(9 credits)

- SPED 607: The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners
- SPED 618: Developing Integrated Language and Literacy Instruction for Students with Disabilities
- SEFE 679: Psychology of Learning and Instruction for Diverse Learners

TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

Office of Graduate Admissions
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