

# COUNSELING

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## M.Ed. Degree, Graduate Certificate M.ED., COUNSELING

The University of Alaska Fairbanks' digitally-delivered graduate counseling program prepares students to become culturally responsive, effective professional counselors through coursework and supervised field placement experiences that emphasize an ecological perspective. Students who complete the school counseling track are eligible to be certified as school counselors in Alaska. Students who complete the clinical mental health counseling track are eligible for licensure as professional counselors with additional post-degree requirements. Students who complete this track are eligible to work in community and mental health agencies or private practice once licensed. Both tracks require students to complete 60 credit hours.

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, has granted accreditation to the following programs in the UAF School of Education Counseling Department: clinical mental health counseling (M.Ed.) and school counseling (M.Ed.).

All counseling courses must be passed with a B or better to satisfy course requirements.

Minimum Requirements for M.Ed. in School or Clinical Mental Health Counseling: 60 credits

Learn more about the master's degree in counseling (<https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/masters/school-counseling.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

The school counselor certification program prepares graduates to become certified elementary, secondary or K-12 school counselors. Applicants must currently hold a master's degree or higher in a human services area such as psychology, social work or human services.

Transfer credit from previous graduate degrees may satisfy some program requirements. Faculty members in the UAF Counseling Department determine which program requirements have been met. A course of study is designed for each admitted student based on the required courses plus additional courses to address outstanding content areas.

Those individuals wishing to become certified school counselors who do not have a master's degree or higher in a human services field such as psychology, social work or human services will complete the Master of Education in school counseling.

This certification program is approved by the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. It is CACREP-aligned but not CACREP-accredited. This program is digitally delivered.

All counseling courses must be passed with a B or better to satisfy course requirements.

Minimum Requirements for School Counselor Graduate Certificate: 30 credits

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### School of Education

Counseling Program (<https://www.uaf.edu/soe/academics.php>)  
907-474-7341

## Programs Degree

- M.Ed., Counseling (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/counseling/>)

## Graduate Certificate

- Graduate Certificate, School Counselor (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate-certificates/school-counselor/>)