M.E.D., COUNSELING

School of Education
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M.Ed. Degree

The University of Alaska graduate counseling program prepares students to become culturally responsive, effective counseling practitioners through course work and supervised internship experiences that emphasize an ecological perspective. Students who complete the school counseling track, a 48-credit-hour program, are eligible to be certified as school counselors in Alaska. Students who complete the clinical mental health counseling track, a 60-credit-hour program, are eligible for licensure as professional counselors with additional post-degree requirements. Students who complete this track are eligible to work in community/mental health agencies or as private clinicians once licensed. Students who complete either program track through distance education must complete a summer intensive during COUN F674 on the Fairbanks campus.

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, 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 program: clinical mental health counseling (M.Ed.) and school counseling (M.Ed.).

Complete the following admission requirements:

1. Application deadline: March 1 for admission to the following fall semester, Oct. 1 for admission to the following spring semester.
2. Application requires a bachelor’s degree preferably in a human service area such as education, social work, psychology, human services, etc. Graduates from other undergraduate majors, who have experience in the human service field or demonstrated motivation to enter the field of counseling, may also apply.
3. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in their undergraduate degree or take the Graduate Record Exam.
4. Statement of academic goals addressing applicant’s motivations, personal characteristics, experience, education and intentions for earning the counseling degree.
5. Professional resume including education, work, volunteer or life experience relevant to the field of counseling.
6. Three letters of references from professional, academic or character sources.
7. All applicants will be required to interview with the counseling faculty as part of the admissions process.

Additional requirements:

1. Submit a disclosure statement upon admission to the program. Resubmit annually.

3. Complete internship placements appropriate to the student’s declared area of interest.
4. Complete background check procedure required by the school or clinical mental health field practicum or internship placement. The procedure varies depending on placement.
5. Pass a comprehensive exam.

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 48-60 credits

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Concentrations

Complete one from the following concentrations: 3-30

- School Counseling (elementary or secondary)
- K-12 School Counseling (elementary and secondary)
- Clinical Mental Health

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1 Additional fee required. Charges are added to fee statements each semester.

**Note:** Courses assigned by the student's graduate committee to remove deficiencies will not be allowed as part of the graduate program.