

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Overview

Graduate Certificate

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, preferably in a human services area. Graduates from other majors who have experience in the human service field or who have demonstrated motivation to enter the field of school counseling may also apply.

Transfer credit from previous graduate degrees may satisfy program requirements. Faculty members in the UAF counseling program determine which program requirements have been met. A course of study is designed for each admitted student.

Those wishing to become certified school counselors but who do not have a master's degree or higher will complete the Master of Education in school counseling.

Minimum Requirements for School Counselor Graduate Certificate: 39-42 credits

School of Education (<https://www.uaf.edu/educ/graduate/>)
907-474-7341

Admission Requirements

Complete the following admission requirements:

- Application to the school counselor certification program follows the same admission requirements and procedures as for the M.Ed. in counseling
- Application requires a master's degree or higher preferably in a human service area such as education, social work, psychology, human services, etc. Graduates from other majors who have experience in the human service field or who have demonstrated motivation to enter the field of school counseling may also apply.

Additional requirements:

- Submit a disclosure statement upon admission to the program. Resubmit annually.
- Submit a national-level criminal background check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (<http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks/>) prior to seeing clients during COUN F634P.
- Complete internship placements appropriate to the student's declared area of interest.
- Complete background check procedure required by the school internship placement. The procedure varies depending on placement.

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Code	Title	Credits
General University Requirements		
Complete the general university requirements. (http://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate/mastersdegrees/#generaluniversityrequirements)		
Graduate Certificate Requirements		
Complete the graduate certificate requirements. (http://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate/#certificateslicensure)		
School Counselor Program Requirements		
Complete the following program requirements for certification in one level (elementary or secondary):		
COUN F615	Foundations of Counseling	3
COUN F617P or COUN F634P	Pre-practicum Practicum	3
COUN F623	Counseling Theories and Applications I	3
COUN F627	Developmental Interventions	3
COUN F628	Child and Adolescent Development	3
COUN F630	Appraisal for Counselors	3
COUN F632	Career Development	3
COUN F636	Internship I ¹	3
COUN F646	School Counseling	3
COUN F647	Professional Ethics	3
COUN F660	Multicultural Counseling	3
COUN F674	Group Counseling	3
COUN F686	Internship II ¹	3
Complete the following optional class for K-12 school counseling certification (elementary and secondary)		
COUN F687	Internship III ¹	3

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