Master of Education (MEd)  
School Counseling

Professional school counselors are licensed professionals who assist students in their academic, social, emotional and career development, and help them define the best pathways to achieve satisfaction and success. Professional school counselors also serve as leaders and effective team members, working with parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, and other school personnel to ensure that each student succeeds. The school counseling track provides students with minimum qualifications to serve as licensed school counselors at the elementary, middle, or high school level.

The program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The program meets the academic and internship requirements for licensure as a school counselor in the state of Mississippi. Prior to graduation, students are eligible to sit for the national PRAXIS examination in school counseling. After graduation they apply to the state for licensure as a professional school counselor.

Courses (48 total credit hours)

Year 1  
Fall (9 hours)  
- Foundations of School Counseling  
- Lifespan Development  
- Counseling Theories

Spring (9)  
- Counseling Skills  
- Group Procedures  
- Counseling Children & Adolescents

Summer (11)  
- Career Counseling  
- Assessment  
- Issues & Ethics in Counseling  
- School Practicum (2)

Year 2  
Fall (9 hours)  
- School Practicum (1)  
- Multicultural Counseling  
- Research in Counseling  
- School Internship (2)

Winter (4)  
- Crisis Intervention  
- School Internship (1)

Spring (6)  
- School Internship  
- Family Counseling

Field Experiences  
Students complete supervised counseling practicum experiences that total a minimum of 100 clock hours over a full academic term. For internship, students must complete 600 clock hours of supervised counseling internship in roles and settings with clients relevant to their clinical mental health or school specialty area.

Exit Requirement  
All MEd students in the Counselor Education program are required to earn a passing score on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) in order to graduate.

Admissions Requirements  
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution  
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher  
- GRE scores (less than 5 years old with verbal, quantitative, and writing subscores)  
- Current resume  
- Statement of purpose  
- Contact information for three references  
- Interview with faculty

Deadline March 1  
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