COUNSELING EDUCATION (ED.D. AND PH.D.)

Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the basic admission requirements of the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission) and those of the College (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-education/academic-regulations/doctoral-degrees), a master’s degree from an accredited graduate school is required. The master’s program must be in counseling, school counseling, rehabilitation counseling, or a closely related field that includes entry-level curricular experiences and demonstrable knowledge and skill competency in each of the eight areas required by CACREP:

- human growth and development
- social and cultural foundations
- helping relationships
- groups
- life and career development
- appraisal
- research and evaluation
- professional orientation

In addition to either a grade point average of 3.5 or above in the master’s degree, or a grade point average of 3.35 or above in a master’s degree and a grade point average of 3.75 in the Counseling Educational Specialist Certificate program, admission criteria include consideration of academic aptitude for doctoral work, previous professional experience, demonstrated counseling skills, knowledge of counseling concepts, and potential for professional leadership.

A department-written examination is required. Doctoral program applicants are also required to take the Graduate Record Examination and have the results forwarded to the program area. In addition, a demonstration of counseling skills is required using the Counseling and Testing Center. A single 45-minute session is audio- and/or video-taped and reviewed by the Advanced Admission Committee.

Applicants must make up any deficits or remedial work as listed on their approved application for admission form before beginning advanced doctoral course work. Specifically, those persons who have master’s degrees from closely-related fields (psychology, social work, nursing) must complete all academic and clinical prerequisites required before beginning advanced doctoral course work.

The doctoral program is individually developed with a major advisor. Within the guidelines of the Graduate School and the college, students build a specialized curriculum. All course work must be completed in accordance with the academic procedures of the College of Education (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-education/academic-regulations) and the Graduate School’s (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/degree-certificate-requirements) regulations governing graduate scholarship and degrees.

All students complete:

1. two doctoral seminars from foundation areas;
2. a concentration in counselor education;
3. at least two doctoral level supervised internships;
4. course work aimed at developing competence in statistics and research methodologies;
5. course work selected by the student, major advisor and cognate advisor which supports an additional area of professional expertise;
6. and electives chosen from the major field or the cognate area.

Additional requirements for the doctoral degrees are explained in greater detail in program materials available from the program area.