

Program Sheet and Plan of Study M.Ed. in Professional Counseling (Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling concentrations)

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University of West Georgia

The M.Ed. in Professional Counseling is designed for candidates preparing for employment as professional counselors in schools, mental health facilities, hospitals, community agencies, and colleges or universities or for careers in college student services in colleges and universities. Three options of study, Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC), School Counseling (SC), and College Student Affairs (CSA) are available. The SC and CMHC programs are accredited by the [Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Educational Related Programs \(CACREP\)](#). The CMHC program is accredited only as a Community Counseling Program until reaccreditation decision in July 2015 after which time it will be accredited as a CMHC program. Courses, listed in the eight core areas, satisfy the educational requirements for licensure as a professional counselor in Georgia and as a nationally certified counselor (NCC). Candidates must complete the appropriate program of studies with a 3.0 GPA and make a passing score on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) in order to graduate. Completion of the M.Ed. degree in Professional Counseling (clinical mental health and school counseling tracks only) meet the educational requirements for licensure as a professional counselor in Georgia and as a nationally certified counselor (NCC). Graduates will receive faculty endorsement only for the relevant option and plan of study completed.

The master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling concentration requires completion of a minimum of 60 semester hours of study while the school counseling concentration requires completion of a minimum of 48 hours of study. The completion of the master’s degree in school counseling meets one of the requirements for recommendation by the University of West Georgia for initial certification in Georgia as a school counselor (S-5 level). School counseling candidates must also pass the required certification test in school counseling before a certification recommendation is given by the University of West Georgia.

Name: _____ **Student ID #:** _____

Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Email: _____ **Advisor:** _____

Current Certification in Education (if any): _____

Current licensure or certification in Counseling: LPC, LAPC, NCC, Other (if any): _____

Completion Dates	
Initial Advising	_____ GACE Content Assessment in School Counseling
SPED 6706*	_____
Tk20 Application for Practicum / Internship	_____ GACE Basic Passed; or:
Application for Candidacy	_____ Exempt: hold teaching certificate
Department written exam	_____ Exempt: SAT, GRE, ACT Score
CPCE / NBCC National Counselors’ Exam	_____ Exempt: Master’s Degree
Comments:	

PLAN OF STUDY

CORE CURRICULUM (School & CMHC)	HRS	GR	SEMESTER	YEAR	SUB
I. HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT					
CEPD 7105 Counseling Across the Lifespan	3				
II. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS					
CEPD 7138 Multicultural Counseling	3				
III. HELPING RELATIONSHIPS					
CEPD 6140 Basic Counseling Skills	3				
CEPD 6131 Counseling Theories	3				
IV. GROUP WORK					
CEPD 6160 Group Counseling (CEPD 6140, 6131 Prerequisite)	3				
V. CAREER AND LIFESTYLE DEVELOPMENT					
CEPD 7112 Career Theory and Intervention	3				
VI. APPRAISAL					
CEPD 6151 Assessment and Appraisal in Counseling	3				
VII. RESEARCH					
CEPD 7152 Research and Program Evaluation	3				
VIII. PROFESSIONAL ORIENTATION					
CEPD 7141 Professional Orientation and Ethics in Counseling	3				
CEPD 7145 Advocacy and Leadership	3				
CLINICAL INSTRUCTION					
CEPD 6188 Practicum: (CEPD 6160, 6131, 6140, Prerequisites)	3				
CEPD 6182 Internship (CEPD 6188 Prerequisites)	6				
TOTAL CORE CURRICULUM HOURS	39				
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING (39 core + 21 specific=60 hours)					
CEPD 6135 Applied Counseling Theories	3				
CEPD 6141 Principles of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3				
CEPD 7111 Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders	3				
CEPD 7134 Couples and Family Counseling	3				
CEPD 7153 Crisis Intervention	3				
CEPD 7155 Substance Abuse Counseling	3				
1 Elective: CEPD 6182 (Internship) or CEPD 7158 (Counseling in the Military Community), CEPD 7136 (Counseling Children and Adolescents), or other elective as approved by advisor	3				
SCHOOL COUNSELING (39 core + 9 specific*=48 hours)					
CEPD 6180 Principles of Professional School Counseling	3				
CEPD 7136 Counseling Children and Adolescents	3				
MEDT 6401 Instructional Technology**	3				

***Note:** If you have not previously completed a special education course which meets **Georgia Law HB 671**, in addition to the 48 total program hours and 6 specific school counseling hours that are required, you must take **SPED 6706: Special Education in the Regular Classroom**. This "3 hour course" **IS NOT INCLUDED** in the 48 hours for the school counseling program.

**** Note:** If this requirement has been met, an elective, preapproved by your advisor must be substituted

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Advisor signature: _____

Date: _____

Plan of Study Worksheet
M.Ed. in Professional Counseling: *Clinical Mental Health Counseling*
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Clinical Mental Health Counseling					
CORE CURRICULUM NOTE: COURSE SEQUENCE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. ANY DEVIATION FROM REQUIRED SEQUENCE MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ADVISOR	SEQ	HRS	SEMESTER REQUIRED	GR	SEM/YR COMPLETED
CEPD 6140 Basic Counseling Skills	1	3	1 st FALL		
CEPD 6131 Counseling Theories	2	3	1 st FALL		
CEPD 6141 Principles of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3	3	1 st FALL		
CEPD 7141 Professional Orientation and Ethics in Counseling	4	3	1 st SPRING		
CEPD 7134 Couples and Family Counseling	5	3	1 st SPRING		
CEPD 6160 Group Counseling (CEPD 6140, 6131 Prerequisite)	6	3	1 st SPRING		
CEPD 6151 Assessment & Appraisal in Counseling	7	3	1 st SUMMER		
CEPD 7138 Multicultural Counseling and Education	8	3	1 st SUMMER		
CEPD 7145 Advocacy and Leadership	9	3	1 st SUMMER		
CEPD 7111 Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders	10	3	2 nd FALL		
CEPD 6135 Applied Counseling Theories	11	3	2 nd FALL		
CEPD 7153 Crisis and Trauma Counseling	12	3	2 nd FALL		
The above listed courses are required prior to approval for entry into CEPD 6188.					
CEPD 6188 Practicum: Professional Counseling	13	3	2 nd SPRING		
CEPD 7155 Substance Abuse Counseling	14	3	2 nd SPRING		
CEPD 7105 Counseling across the Lifespan	15	3	2 nd SPRING		
The above listed courses and CEPD 7112 are required prior to approval for entry into CEPD 6182.					
CEPD 7112 Career Theory and Intervention	16	3	2 nd SUMMER		
CEPD 7152 Research and Program Evaluation	17	3	2 nd SUMMER		
Elective (<i>only 1 elective required, CEPD 7158 Counseling in the Military Community or other elective</i>)	18	3	2 nd SUMMER		
CEPD 6182 Internship: Professional Counseling	19	6	3 rd FALL		
Elective (<i>only 1 elective required, CEPD 6182 300 hour internship; CEPD 7136 Counseling Children & Adolescents or other elective</i>)	20	3	3 rd FALL		
Total Required Hours		60			
COMMENTS:					

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Date: _____

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School Counseling					
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CEPD 6140 Basic Counseling Skills	1	3	1 st SUMMER		
CEPD 6131 Counseling Theories	2	3	1 st SUMMER		
CEPD 6151 Assessment and Appraisal in Counseling	3	3	1 st SUMMER		
CEPD 6160 Group Counseling	4	3	1 st FALL		
CEPD 6180 Principles of Professional School Counseling	5	3	1 st FALL		
CEPD 7152 Research and Program Evaluation	6	3	1 st FALL		
CEPD 7141 Professional Orientation and Ethics in Counseling	7	3	1 st SPRING		
MEDT 6401 Instructional Technology**	8	3	1 st SPRING		
SPED 6706 Spec Educ in Regular Classroom	9	3*	1 st SPRING		
CEPD 7105 Counseling Across the Lifespan	10	3	2 nd SUMMER		
CEPD 7138 Multicultural Counseling and Education	11	3	2 nd SUMMER		
CEPD 7145 Advocacy and Leadership	12	3	2 nd SUMMER		
The above listed courses are required prior to approval for entry into CEPD 6188.					
CEPD 7112 Career Counseling and Interventions	13	3	2 nd FALL		
CEPD 6188 Practicum:	14	3	2 nd FALL		
CEPD 7136 Counseling Children & Adolescents	15	3	2 nd FALL		
The above listed courses are required prior to approval for entry into CEPD 6182.					
CEPD 6182 Internship	16	6	2 nd SPRING		
Total Hours (*3 hours in addition to the "48 hours")		48			
Comments:					

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Date: _____

Advisor signature: _____

Date: _____