

MASTER OF ARTS SCHOOL COUNSELING



GRADUATE STUDIES



Program Description

The Master of Arts (M.A) in school counseling offer students both coursework and 700 hours of practicum and internship experiences that satisfy both national standards and state certification requirements. Graduates are eligible for certification and employment as school counselors in Florida. The degree programs are nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the Florida Department of Education and Counselor for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP, formerly the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education).

The Counseling Department offers an opportunity to earn a single MA degree with both the Clinical Mental Health Counseling major and the School Counseling major. Students must meet initial admissions requirements of both programs to qualify for this option. Students may elect the dual major option at any time after admission to one of the programs and prior to graduation. Students initially admitted into the School Counseling major will take an additional 27 credits. Students must complete all degree requirements for both majors including passing all subsections of the FTCE, General Knowledge, Professional Educator Examination and the Guidance and Counseling Subject Area Exam prior to graduation. Additional information is available at <http://www.fgcu.edu/mariebcollege/Counseling/SCMA/>

Admissions Requirements

- FGCU graduate application
- Official academic transcripts from every college or university attended
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller's Analogies Test (MAT) official scores
- Submission of three favorable recommendations from professionals in the field
- Statement of career goals (2-3 pages)
- Meet one of the following (GPA & Test Scores are required from ALL applicants regardless of which criteria are met):
 - GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
 - GRE minimum score: 151-153 Verbal & 143-144 quantitative (new) OR combined verbal & quantitative score of 1000 (old score) or higher
 - 400 or higher on the MAT
- Evidence of Florida Teacher or Educator certification (if applicable) OR
- Passing score on FTCE subsections including: General Knowledge Test, Professional Educator Examination & Guidance and Counseling Subject Area exam (prior to graduation)
- Interview (by invitation)
- International students must have a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam (minimum score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, or 79 internet-based) for students from countries where English is not the primary language

Satisfaction of minimum University and program requirements does not guarantee admission to a graduate program. Applicants should check with the program for the most up to date admission requirements prior to commencing the application process.

Counseling Criminal Record Policy Statement

All applicants are advised that in order to complete the program, they must complete internships. Most internship facilities do background checks and will not permit the placement of counselor interns with criminal records. The Department reserves the right to deny program admission to any applicant if it appears that applicant is unlikely to be able to complete the internship requirement due to a criminal record, thus inhibiting their ability to complete the program.

Graduate Full-Time Student Cost of Attendance

Expenses	Florida Resident	Non Florida Resident
Tuition and Fees	\$6,720	\$23,412
Books and Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200
Room and Board	\$9,672	\$9,672
Estimated Total Cost	\$17,592	\$34,284

The in-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$373.38 per credit hour. The out-of-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$1,300.66 per credit hour.

Tuition & Fees figures are based on a graduate student taking 9 graduate credit hours per term for 2 terms (Fall & Spring). For more details, visit: fgcu.edu/Graduate/Financing-graduate-studies

Application Deadlines

Fall – February 15

Contact Information

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Program Details

Credit Hours Required in Major – 50-56 Credit Hours

Core Courses (50 credits)

MHS 6010 Intro to School Counseling (3)
MHS 6200 Appraisal Procedures (3)
MHS 6338 Coll/Career Readiness: K-12 (1)
MHS 6340 Career Development (3)
MHS 6400 Couns Theory for School Couns (3)
MHS 6414 Fostering Resil & Stud Success (3)
MHS 6418 Ldrship Acctability & Supvisc (3)
MHS 6420 Counseling Spec Population Gps (3)
MHS 6481 Human Dev for School Counselor (3)
MHS 6530 Grp Wrk for Sch Professionals (3)
MHS 6601 Consult & Collabor Prob Solve (3)
MHS 6700 Legal & Ethical Iss in Coun (3)
MHS 6710 Research & Prog Evaluation (3)
MHS 6800 Practicum in Counseling (3)
MHS 6805 Adv Practicum in Counseling (3)
MHS 6831 Schl Counseling-Internship Ia (1)
MHS 6831 Schl Counseling-Internship Ib (1)
MHS 6832 Schl Counsl-Intern-Supervision (2)
SDS 6830 Schl Counsel-Final Internship (3)

Other Requirements (6 credits)

For non-certified or certificate eligible teachers: In addition to the above required courses, students who have not otherwise established competencies in Reading and ESOL as specified by the Florida Department of Education must complete the following 6 credits:

EDG 6356 Inst Models and Strategies (3)
RED 5147L Developmental Reading (3)*

Note: *Requires 15 hours of field observation in a school setting during the day.

^Above is a brief preview of the program content at the start of the 2018-2019 academic year. Information regarding program requirements and admissions are specific to a student's catalog year. This information is corrected or adjusted as needed. For more details, please review the University Catalog.
<http://www.fgcu.edu/catalog/>

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