

University of Florida Department of Counselor Education

Requirements for Mental Health or Marriage and Family Counseling Program Graduates Seeking School Counselor Certification in Florida

Only graduates from the ACD program in Mental Health Counseling or the EDC Marriage and Family Counseling program in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Florida are permitted to participate in this additional training.

Our department will make special accommodations (on a space available basis) for graduates of either our MED/EDS or PHD programs in Mental Health or Marriage and Family Counseling who now seek certification as a school counselor in Florida, subject to the procedures described below.

Guidelines for Decision-Making:

1. Intention to participate in this specialized training is made to both the department Graduate Coordinator and the department Chairperson.
2. The chairperson will notify the Coordinator of the School Counseling Program (CSCP) of the request to take courses in the school counseling program.
3. The applicant will meet with the CSCP to review the applicant's work experience and to achieve clarification of the applicant's career goals. The CSCP may consult with other faculty for input and recommendations. The CSCP will notify the department Chairperson of the result of the evaluation of the application.
4. If the application is approved, the department Chairperson will inform the applicant and permit the applicant to enroll in needed courses after he/she completes the University of Florida's Application for Readmission process.
5. Applicants will need to complete the University of Florida's graduate readmission process. The procedure is outlined at <http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/grad/readmission.html>. Applicants must complete the Application for Readmission and Referral for Readmission I and should select the "Teacher Certification" option as the purpose for their readmission.
5. The CSCP will serve as the (applicant) student's advisor and work with the student to develop a plan for completion of the required coursework.
6. Upon successful completion of the required coursework, supervised field placement (i.e., internship), and required State of Florida Examinations (FTCE), the department will endorse the student for State of Florida Certification in School Guidance and Counseling through a formal letter of endorsement prepared by the department's CSCP. *[Students are required to successfully complete the (a) Professional Education, (b) General Knowledge, and (c) Subject Area (School Guidance and Counseling) subsections of the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) in order to be eligible for state certification as a school counselor. Students seeking*

certification as a school counselor in Florida must take and pass the FTCE requirement in order to be eligible for graduation. Students are encouraged to take the General Knowledge, Professional Education, and Subject Area sections as early as possible in the training sequence. All scores must be submitted to the College of Education Office of Student Services. Information regarding State of Florida certification examinations for certification as a school counselor can be found at: <http://www.fldoe.org/asp/fice/>. For further guidance, contact the Coordinator, Student Services, in the COE Office of Student Services (<http://education.ufl.edu/web/?pid=37>).

Required Coursework

***Courses in the School Counseling and Guidance Program (15 semester credit hours)**

SDS 6411	Counseling Children (3)
SDS 6413	Counseling Adolescents (3)
MHS 6421	Play Counseling (3)
SDS 6620	Organization and Administration of Personnel and Guidance Programs (3)
SDS 6938	Family School Collaboration (3)

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State Requirements for School Counseling Certification (15 semester hours)

Applicants who do *not* hold a *current* State of Florida *Teaching Certificate* also must complete the following courses (unless the respective course(s) were(was) taken previously in an accredited teacher education program):

1. Human Development and Learning – (3) required from among the following:
 - MHS 6480 - Developmental Counseling Across the Life Span (3)
 - EDF 6113 - Educational Psychology: Human Development (3)
2. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) – (3) required from among the following:
 - TSL 6700: ESOL for Counselors and Administrators (Developed specifically for students in the SCG program)
3. Reading instruction – (3) required from among the following:
 - RED 3312 Classroom Reading I (3)
 - RED 5355 Teaching Reading in the Elementary School (3)
4. Classroom management, including school safety, ethics and law:
 - ESE 6345 - Effective Teaching and Classroom Management
5. Assessment - (3) including content of state tests, interpretation of data, and using data to improve achievement of students in Florida's schools:
 - This requirement typically is fulfilled through successful completion of MHS 6200 - Assessment in Counseling and Development, and MHS 7740 - Research in Counseling and

Development, both of which are required courses in the MHC and SCG MED/EDS programs in the department.

6. Democratic values and institutions – (3)

- This requirement typically is fulfilled through successful completion of SDS 6411 Counseling Children, SDS 6413 Counseling Adolescents, SDS 6620 Organization and Administration of Guidance and Personnel Programs, and MHS 6720 Professional Identity and Ethics in Counseling, all of which are required courses in the MHC and SCG MED/EDS programs in the department.

Supervised Field Placement (SCG Internship) (at least 5 + 1 semester credit hours)

An internship in school counseling (i.e., supervised field placement) is required, and registration for it must be coordinated through the department's Practicum & Internship Coordinator and follow the departmental schedule for such registration(s). The school counseling internship may be completed as a full-time internship for one semester or as a half-time internship across two consecutive semesters (aka as a "split" internship).

Required registration for a full-time SCG internship (one semester)

SDS 7830 Internship in Counseling and Development (5)
SDS 7820 Group Supervision in School Counseling (1)

OR

Required registrations for a half-time (split) internship (two consecutive semesters)

First Semester (total of 4 credits):

SDS 6831 Split-Internship in Counseling (3)
SDS 7820 Group Supervision in School Counseling (1)

AND

Second Semester (total of 6 credits):

SDS 7830 Internship in Counseling (5)
SDS 7820 Group Supervision in School Counseling (1)