The **M.Ed. Professional Counseling** track consists of a minimum of 48 semester credit hours to fulfill course requirements for professional counselor preparation. The program includes a common College of Education core of **6 semester hours in the areas of human development and inquiry, 33 semester hours of core counseling and methods courses, 9 semester hours of advisor-approved elective courses, and completion of a Comprehensive Exam or Master’s Thesis.**

**College Core Requirements (2 courses/6 hours)**
The College core requires one course from each foundation for a total of six credits. These courses correspond to the core courses specified for all masters degree programs in the College of Education. For students in the **Master’s Professional Counseling Program**, the following are required.

**Human Growth/Learning (1 course/3 hours)**
EPSY 6330: Human Growth and Development

**Inquiry (1 course/3 hours)**
EPSY 6310: Introduction to Educational Research

**Core Counseling Requirements (11 courses/33 hours)**
All students complete the following "core" counseling courses:

- EPSY 6325: Theories of Counseling
- EPSY 6343: Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling
- EPSY 6345: Atypical Growth and Development
- EPSY 6315: Career Counseling
- EPSY 6352: Assessment in Educational Psychology
- EPSY 6391: Introductory Laboratory in Counseling Processes
- EPSY 6335: Introduction to Group Counseling Theory
- EPSY 6370: Introduction to Cross-Cultural Counseling
- EPSY 7393: Internship and Practicum (**two semesters for a total of six hours**)
- EPSY 7375: Introduction to Family Counseling
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**Elective Counseling Courses (3 courses/ 9 hours)**

Students select elective courses in consultation with their academic advisor and/or the program coordinator. Courses may be selected from the following list or from courses that are offered in the Department of Educational Psychology or the Department of Psychology.

- EPSY 6320: Sexual Counseling
- EPSY 6392: Advanced Laboratory in Counseling Processes
- EPSY 7305: Advanced Theories of Group Counseling Processes
- EPSY 7326: School Counseling
- EPSY 7327: Counseling Children
- EPSY 7328: Counseling Adolescents
- EPSY 7329: Counseling Women
- EPSY 7335: Intervention Strategies
- EPSY 7391: Consultation Theory and Practice
- EPSY 6397: Supervision of Counselors
- EPSY 6397: Substance Counseling
- EPSY 6397: Grief and Bereavement
- EPSY 6397: Child Psychopathology

**Thesis Option**

- Elective Counseling Courses (3 hours)
- EPSY 6399 (3 hours) Master’s Thesis
- EPSY 7399 (3 hours) Master’s Thesis

**Non-Thesis Option**

- Elective Counseling Courses (9 hours)
- Comprehensive Exam