

## **M.Ed. in Counseling Sample Degree Plan (School Track)**

The M.Ed. School Counseling track consists of a minimum of 42 semester credit hours to fulfill course requirements for school 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, at least 3 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 Counseling Program, the following are required.

#### ***Human Growth/Learning (1course/3 hours)***

EPSY 6330: Human Growth and Development

#### ***Inquiry (1course/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 6397 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 7326 Counseling in Schools

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### Elective Counseling Courses (At least 1 course/3 hours)

Students select one or more elective courses in consultation with their academic advisor and/or the program coordinator to evaluate the appropriateness of the course content for its relevance to the field of counseling. 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 7327: Counseling Children
- EPSY 7328: Counseling Adolescents
- EPSY 7335: Intervention Strategies
- EPSY 7391: Consultation Theory and Practice
- EPSY 6397: Substance Counseling
- EPSY 6397: Grief and Bereavement
- EPSY 6397: Psychopharmacology for Counselors
- EPSY 6397: Child Psychopathology
- EPSY 7375: Family Counseling

**Thesis Option** (*this option includes at least 3 additional hours to complete the degree*)

- EPSY 6399 (3 hours) Master's Thesis
- EPSY 7399 (3 hours) Master's Thesis
- EPSY 6310 Intro to Educational Research, and commitment from a faculty sponsor are prerequisites for beginning the thesis project.

Students generally stay in the program an extra year while completing requirements for the thesis.

**Non-Thesis Option**

- Elective Counseling Courses (3 hours)
- Comprehensive Exam