

Master of Education in School Counseling



An intensive accelerated degree for aspiring school counselors dedicated to recognizing and affirming the wholeness and humanness of students, families, and communities

At A Glance

Degree Type: Master of Education (M.Ed.); CACREP Accredited

Program Duration: 60 credit hours / 14 months

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Application Deadline: For summer admission, applications are typically due in early spring. For exact dates,

The Master of Education in School Counseling program is an intensive accelerated experience — including a year-long school-based practicum and internship — that prepares professionals to cultivate ethical, equitable, and inclusive school environments for students of diverse needs and aspirations. The program also leads to specialist-level licensure as a K-12 school counselor in some North Carolina school districts, with reciprocity options for other states. Currently, graduates of the program are eligible to apply for licensure as a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor in North Carolina after two years of post-master's supervised counseling experience. Our program adopts a cohort model, utilizing applied, hands-on learning as part of a supportive, closely-knit class.

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Key components of the Master of Education in School Counseling program include:

- **14-month program of studies** trains school counselors to implement comprehensive school counseling programs through their work with K-12 students and the systems through which they learn and develop.
- **Employs a cohort model** while following the American School Counseling Association National Model and adhering to CACREP standards.
- **Strengths-based focus** prepares students to address critical issues that students, parents, communities and schools face as part of K-12 learning environments.
- **Practicum and internship courses** require a minimum 100 (40 direct service) hours in practicum and 600 (240 direct service) in internship in field experiences during the August-June K-12 school year.



Victor Boles '21
School Counselor
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“As a counselor, I work to bridge gaps of opportunity and accessibility, and to foster a society that is more equitable and inclusive for all students and people. I strive to create a world in which people live, thrive, and succeed.”

How will *you* propel the world?

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