

Master of Arts (MA)

The Career Counseling Program is designed to train potential counselors, developing the necessary competencies for the 21st century. These competencies include career development theory, individual/group counseling skills, individual/group assessment, information/resources, program promotion, management, implementation, coaching, consultation, performance improvement, diverse populations, supervision, ethical/legal issues, research/evaluation, and technology. The development of these competencies needs to be provided in a process of systematic fashion. This process includes helping people learn how to provide counseling-based career assistance and its support in the process, cope with ambiguity and change, develop and maintain self-awareness, engage in lifelong learning, search for jobs effectively, and develop and maintain skills in multicultural awareness and communication.

The career counseling program at Southeast Missouri State University is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

Master's students in the career counseling program will:

- Learn the traditional, the modern, postmodern career development models and theories.
- Be proficient in the basic career facilitating process while including productive interpersonal relationships.
- Understand labor market and occupational information and trends. The student will also be able to use current resources.
- Comprehend and implement both formal and informal career development assessment instruments with emphasis on relating appropriate ones to the population served.
- Have the opportunities to work with professors who have a thorough knowledge of their fields, who are productive scholars and genuinely interested in their student's professional development.
- Recognize special needs of various groups and adapt services to meet their needs.
- Follow the NCDA (National Career Development Association) Code of Ethics and the GCDF (Global Career Development Facilitation) Code of ethics and know current legislative regulations.
- Be eligible upon graduation to register for a national certification examination for career counselor granted by National Board of Certified Counselors and post-graduation options by NCDA.

Admission Requirements

For regular admission leading to a Master of Arts Degree in Career Counseling, applicants must successfully complete a three-step process:

Step One – Admission to the School of Graduate Studies:

All candidates must hold a Baccalaureate Degree with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of no less than 3.0* and be admitted into the School of Graduate Studies. This is done by:

1. Completing the Application for Admissions and returning it to the Office of Admissions (this can be done on line at <http://www.semo.edu/gradschool/fs/application.htm>)
2. Submitting the appropriate application fees to the Office of Admissions.
3. Submitting undergraduate transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
4. Completing the GRE or MAT and forwarding scores to the Office of Admissions.
5. Submitting three (3) letters of recommendation (one is required to begin the process, an additional two are required before full admission to the program can be completed.)

* With the approval of the admissions committee, students that have a GPA of 2.75-3.0 may be admitted on a probationary basis (there will be specific requirements during this probationary period). Students, who have a low undergraduate GPA, yet hold a master's degree with a 3.5 GPA will have satisfied the admissions GPA requirement.

Step Two – Satisfying Prerequisites for the Counseling Program:

Candidates for the Career Counseling must possess a 3.0 GPA and must have an undergraduate preparation of 18 total credits in the social sciences, including, psychology, counseling, sociology or appropriately focused university studies courses; including a 3 cr. course in statistics.

Step Three – Admissions to the Counseling Program:

For all candidates, admission requires (in addition to the requisite GPA) scores on the Verbal and Analytic or Analytical Writing components of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Millers Analogy Test (MAT) at the 50th percentile and a total of three (3) letters of recommendation from university faculty, school administrators, or primary employers attesting to the candidates competence.

When all required documents are received, the Office of Admissions will forward the candidate's file to the counseling program admissions committee.

Further, the candidate must satisfactorily complete CP 610 Counseling Orientation and Ethics and the screening procedure. During the screening procedure, the candidate will complete a battery of assessments and undergo an interview with member(s) of the counseling faculty. The screening will be scheduled after the candidate has presented GRE scores and letters of recommendation as stated above and enrolled in CP 610. After these criteria have been completed, the program admission committee will review the candidate's credentials and 1) admit the student, 2) not admit the student, or 3) admit the student with restrictions and/or conditions.

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This is a guide based on the 2016-2017 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Career Counseling - 48 hours required

- CP610 Counseling Orientation and Ethics (3)
- CP611 Developmental Theories (3)
- CP612 Counseling Theories (3)
- CP613 Social & Cultural Aspects of Counseling (3)
- CP614 Counseling Skills (3)
- CP615 Career Development (3)
- CP616 Group Counseling (3)
- CP617 Assessment in Counseling (3)
- CP626 Advanced Career Counseling (3)
- CP631 Crisis Intervention and Consultation (3)
- CP643 Psychodiagnostics and Treatment (3)
- CP680 Counseling Practicum (3)
- CP685 Internship – Career (3)
- GR691 Methods of Research (3)

Choose 6 credit hours in one of the following:

- CP682 Internship – Elementary (3)
- CP683 Internship – Secondary (3)
- CP684 Internship – School (3)
- CP686 Internship – Mental Health (3)
- CP687 Internship – Mental Health (3)

Prerequisites:

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Psychology, counseling, sociology or appropriately focused university studies courses. This must include a 3 credit course in statistics.

Course Rotation/Format: Online, Face to Face, Blended

Internship and Employment Opportunities

Career counselors have a variety of career opportunities such as:

- Career services in college and universities
- Corrections and Workforce Development
- Private Practitioner (Life coach and Career Development Facilitators are blossoming career trends granted the counselor is certified by the National Career Development Association)
- Human Resources Consultants for Businesses, Human Resources of Businesses and Corporations (Work Productivity, enhancement of interpersonal skills in the work environment)
- Counseling Disabilities Services
- Military