

COUNSELING (Ed.S.)**Specialist in Education (Ed.S.)**

This is a guide based on the 2025-2026 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 Degree Works to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**30 Hours Required**

Education Specialist Core

- CP733 Advanced Educational Processes (3)
- CP771 Counselor Supervision (3)
- CP788 Advanced Internship (6)
- GR799 Specialist Oral Examination (0)

Choose one course:

- CP691 Research Methods and Program Evaluation in Counseling (3)
- GR691 Methods of Research (3)

Counseling Core Required Prerequisites:

- CP610 Counseling Orientation & 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)
- CP631 Crisis Intervention and Consultation (3)
- CP643 Psychodiagnostics and Treatment (3)
- CP680 Counseling Practicum (3)
- CP68X Internship (6)

Electives:

- CP630 Foundations of School Counseling (3)
- CP640 Foundations of Mental Health Counseling (3)
- CP641 Mental Health Systems (3)
- CP645 Marriage & Family Counseling (3)*
- CP652 Introduction to Play Therapy (3)*
- CP661 Addictions Counseling (3)
- CP664 Religion & Spirituality in Counseling (3)*
- CP735 Intelligence Testing (3)
- CP739 Testing Practicum (3)
- EA625 Foundations of Educational Leadership (3)
- EA651 School Law (3)
- EX601 Educational Assessment Techniques (3)
- EX635 Psychology & Education of Students with Special Needs (3)

*Recommended electives

Degree Requirements

Specialist Students also must have completed the requirements of a counseling major-school, community, or an acceptable counseling major from another master's program.

All students must have a minimum, including the Master's, of 72 credit hours to graduate from the Educational Specialist program.

Transfer of Credits:

A student with regular admission status may transfer up to 48 of the 72 semester hours required for the specialist's degree from other regionally accredited institutions if the courses are a) appropriate, b) part of master's level work, c) on-campus courses, and d) approved by the student's advisor.

If the student earned his/her master's degree from Southeast Missouri State University, up to nine semester hours of such work may be transferred from regionally accredited institutions. Transfer, workshop, and independent study credit may not exceed nine semester hours. The last 16 hours toward the specialist degree must be taken from Southeast or receive prior permission from the advisor. This is required for Southeast to act as certifying agency or endorse the student for certification or licensure.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

1. A graduate GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
2. A master's degree in counseling or related field from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. If not, the student will be required to take additional graduate work (admission under provisional status) before regular admission is granted.

International applicants must also have a minimum IELTS Academic score of 7.0, TOEFL iBT score of 95, PTE Academic score of 64 or Duolingo English score of 125. *This requirement is for non-United States citizens who are not native English speakers. Students from countries where English is known to be the official language of education are exempt from English proficiency verification. For a complete list of countries, visit <https://semo.edu/international/admissions/policies.html>.*

Probationary Admission

Probationary admission will be considered when the applicant presents a GPA that is less than 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. The admissions committee may permit the student to take nine hours in the program area. The student will be required to achieve a 3.66 GPA with a minimum grade of 'B' in each course.

Full Admission

Applicants who possess the requisite GPA will be admitted to graduate study and allowed to complete a maximum of six semester hours of prerequisite coursework, if applicable. If no prerequisite courses are needed, the student may complete a maximum of six semester hours applicable to program requirements prior to admission to the program by the Counseling Admissions Committee. The Committee will act only on applications that are complete. The admissions process may require an interview with the program coordinator and faculty. In addition, two letters of recommendation must be submitted directly to the Specialist Program Coordinator.

Denial of Admission

Applicants denied admission to graduate study based on a GPA of less than 3.5 on a 4.0 scale may apply for probationary admission. A letter of request, along with the three letters of recommendation and GRE or MAT scores should be sent to the Coordinator of the Specialist Program. Students denied admission may not enroll for coursework applicable to the degree program until such time as explicit permission, along with any stipulations, is granted by the Counseling Admissions Committee.

Appeals Process

Applicants who are denied admission will have the opportunity to appeal to the Counseling Program Admission Committee. Appeals must be in writing and should address any extenuating circumstances. Appeal letters should be addressed to the Counseling Program Coordinator.

For graduate studies admissions deadlines, visit

<https://semo.edu/admissions/requirements/graduate.html>

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