

SCHOOL COUNSELING SPECIALTY AREA, COUNSELING (MA OR MEd)

This master's degree allows the student to become licensed as a professional school counselor through the Illinois State Board of Education. The specialty area sequence prepares students to work with students, staff and families in public and private K-12 school systems. Courses and professional practice experiences in the field provide students the skills and knowledge to deliver a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program based on national standards and best practice, and to serve as leaders and advocates for students, schools, and the profession.

Course Requirements

Social and Cultural Studies Courses: 8 quarter hours required, grade of B- or better required

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
SCG 401	ADVANCED LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT	4
SCG 410	INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH: PURPOSES, ISSUES, AND METHODOLOGIES	4

Counseling Courses: 66-70¹ quarter hours required, grade of B- or better required

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CSL 451	LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN COUNSELING	4
CSL 452	INTRODUCTION TO THE COUNSELING PROFESSION	4
CSL 458	GROUP COUNSELING	4
CSL 461	TESTING AND APPRAISAL	4
CSL 466	ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY	4
CSL 467	COUNSELING THEORIES	4
CSL 481	SPECIAL TOPICS IN SCHOOL COUNSELING:	2
CSL 475	COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS COUNSELING FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS	4
CSL 489	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	4
CSL 501	COUNSELING SKILLS	4
CSL 510	MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING	4
CSL 514	CRISIS INTERVENTION FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING	4
CSL 519	FOUNDATIONS OF READING LITERACY & SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS	4
CSL 520	COUNSELING CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS	4
CSL 521	CONTEXTUAL DIMENSIONS OF SCHOOL COUNSELING	4

CSL 522	DELIVERY OF COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAMS	4
CSL 556	COUPLES AND FAMILY COUNSELING (Take Spring quarter of 3rd year)	4
CSL 523	LEARNING AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS (required only for students without a teaching license) ¹	4

¹ CSL 523 required only for students without a teaching license.

Practicum and Internship: 4 courses, 16 hours; grade of B or better is required

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CSL 552	PRACTICUM IN COUNSELING (Taken Spring quarter)	4
CSL 553	INTERNSHIP IN COUNSELING I (200 clock hours)	4
CSL 554	INTERNSHIP IN COUNSELING II (200 clock hours)	4
CSL 555	INTERNSHIP IN COUNSELING III (200 clock hours)	4

Choose one: Thesis (MA) or Capstone (MEd)

Master of Arts (MA) Degree Requirements: Non-credit, non-tuition, grade of B- or better required

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CSL 559	THESIS RESEARCH IN COUNSELING	0

The Master's Thesis is written in conjunction with CSL 553 and CSL 554 and with faculty advisement. Enrollment in CSL 559 and an oral examination are required. Consult the MA Thesis Handbook for additional information.

Master of Education (MEd) Degree Requirements

Capstone project with faculty supervision written in conjunction with CSL 553, CSL 554, and CSL 555. Does not require additional course enrollment.

Licensure Tests

All individuals licensed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) are required to complete licensure tests specific to their licensure area.

School Counseling students must complete the following tests:

- School Counseling Content Area (test #235) – assesses knowledge of student development, assessment, the school environment and the school counseling profession. Students must pass the School Counseling Content Area (test #235) prior to CSL 555: Internship III.