

Masters of Science in School Counseling – Certification and Licensure

The Counseling and Student Affairs Department offers a **Master of Science degrees in School Counseling** designed to prepare counselors to work as Professional School Counselors in PreK-12 school settings. The 60-credit School Certification and Licensure program meets the Pennsylvania Department of Education's requirements to be a PreK-12 Pennsylvania Certified School Counselor and meets the academic requirements for the Licensed Professional Counselor credential.

The program consists of core counseling courses, specialty area courses, and 700 hours of field experience. All school counseling students are eligible to sit for the PRAXIS exam. Upon successful program completion and qualifying score on the Professional School Counselor PRAXIS examination, certification as a Professional School Counselor is granted through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Students who complete the 60-credit degree meet the educational requirements for state licensure in Professional Counseling and are eligible to take the National Certified Counselor (NCC) examination, a state licensure prerequisite.

Both school counselor preparation programs are structured around several core tenets:

- Development of personal awareness of self as a counselor
- Knowledge of counseling and educational concepts
- Skills in counseling students at a variety of age and developmental levels

Included in this program is an emphasis on developing assessment and research skills and using research findings in school counseling. The School Counseling programs effectively prepare graduates for a broad range of career possibilities, including working in public and private school settings, community settings, hospitals, educational institutions, Veterans Administration treatment centers, and private practice settings.

Curriculum check sheets for all department programs.

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