

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Admission requirements

In addition to the minimum Office of Graduate Studies requirements; refer to other side. Admission in full standing to the degree program requires that the applicant meet the following minimum requirements:

1. A minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.00 overall, or 3.25 in the last one-half of their undergraduate program
2. A supplemental Professional Counseling application and disclosure statement
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. A current resume
5. Miller Analogies Test (MAT) results

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Program

The Master of Science in Education – Professional Counseling degree is designed to be the strong foundation upon which graduates enter a lifetime career in the helping professions. This program prepares students as counselors-in-training to respond to the multitude of changes in society and the ever-expanding counseling profession in a range of venues. The program offers opportunities for academic excellence, and meaningful personal growth. Experiential and didactic courses provide training in working with clients and students in both individual and group counseling. In addition to knowledge and experience in core areas, graduates have specialized knowledge and skills that are aligned with Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs and College Counseling. Graduate training is enhanced through required internships in the field, and students have additional opportunities for hands-on experiences that include service learning and study abroad options.

Approximately 90-120 students are enrolled in the three emphases. The program prepares students for licensure as School Counselors through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and licensed professional counselors (LPC's) through the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS).

A wide variety of options are available in private and public counseling agencies and organizations, schools, and post secondary education institutions for the practicum and internship experiences. These placements vary depending on the program emphasis selected by the student.

Degree requirements

The Clinical Mental Health emphasis is a 60-credit program while the School Counseling, and Student Affairs and College Counseling emphases are each 48 credits. All three emphases include a required 600-hour internship (two 300-hour internships over two semesters). A common core of courses is required in addition to specialized emphasis courses.

Accreditation

The department has been accredited since 1992 by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

About the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

- UW Oshkosh is the third largest of the 13 state-supported universities comprising the University of Wisconsin System.
- The university enrolls about 1,200 graduate students as part of a total student body of about 13,500.
- UW Oshkosh is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).
- With a population of more than 65,000, the city of Oshkosh is consistently ranked among the top small cities in the nation.

Graduate program faculty and services

- Graduate faculty hold doctorates and/or other terminal degrees and professional credentials in their respective fields.
- Outstanding student services, research equipment/facilities, and library resources provide an ideal environment for graduate programs.

Financial assistance

- Graduate assistantships are available to eligible students each year.
- The Advanced Opportunity Program offers funds to students of color and non-minority economically disadvantaged students.
- Scholarships may be available through some colleges and graduate departments.
- Loans and student employment are available through the Office of Financial Aid.
- International students are eligible to apply for both graduate assistantships and State-of-Wisconsin nonresident partial tuition remissions.

Non-degree-seeking students

- Persons with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution may take coursework as a graduate special student for professional advancement or enrichment without applying or gaining admission to a degree program.
- Enrollment in courses for non-degree-seeking students is subject to availability and/or approval.

Minimum Graduate Studies admission requirements

Admission in full standing to a program requires the applicant to meet the minimum requirements listed below:

- a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution;
- an undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (4.00 scale) *or* at least 2.90 during the last half (approximately 60 credits) of undergraduate work;
- submission of *official* transcripts of all collegiate work;
- submission of a completed on-line application and payment of a non-refundable \$56 application fee.

Most programs have additional admission requirements such as letters of recommendation, standardized test scores, written personal statements and other portfolio items. Refer to www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies, the program website, or contact the Graduate Studies Office for more information.

NOTE: International student admission requirements differ from U.S. citizens. Contact the Graduate Studies Office for more information.

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