

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION: Degree Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision (Ph.D. in CES) is designed for students who hold a master's degree from a CACREP-accredited counseling program, a master's degree in counseling, or a master's degree in a related field. The Ph.D. in CES program includes a minimum of 48 credit hours. Students are expected to attain advanced level competence in counseling, teaching, supervision, research and scholarship, and leadership and advocacy through coursework and out-of-class learning. Teaching, supervising, advanced clinical practicum, and advanced internship experiences are required. The Ph.D. in CES program requires an investment of time and energy beyond classroom sessions. The doctoral program requires passing of doctoral written comprehensive examinations, and completion of a dissertation project. The program is designed to be completed in three years. Students are part of a cohort and take at least two courses each semester during the fall, spring, and summer sessions. Students are expected to enroll full time in doctoral studies and take courses with their cohort in their specified cohort sequence.

Applicants to the Ph.D. in CES program must have a master's degree in counseling or a related field. The master's degree program must have the equivalent of CACREP's entry-level areas of study plus at least one specialty area (e.g. Marriage, Couples, and Family Counseling, School Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Community Counseling) and have a minimum of approved 48 hours. Those graduating from a CACREP-accredited master's degree will automatically meet the entry-level coursework requirements.

Applicants not graduating from a CACREP-accredited program must have a transcript review and may be required to take courses in addition to the required 48 credits for the doctoral program. Students who do not graduate from a CACREP-accredited program must also provide documentation that they had a minimum 100 hour supervised practicum (including at least 40 hours of direct service) and a minimum 600 hour supervised internship (including at least 240 hours of direct service).

REQUIRED MASTER'S LEVEL COURSEWORK AREAS – OR THE EQUIVALENT

- Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice
- Social and Cultural Diversity
- Human Growth and Development
- Career Development
- Counseling and Helping Relationships (including Counseling Theories)
- Group Counseling and Group Work
- Assessment and Testing
- Research and Program Evaluation
- At least one Specialty Counseling Area (e.g. Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling, School Counseling)

For specific standards in each of the above, see: <https://www.cacrep.org/for-programs/2016-cacrep-standards/>

REQUIRED COURSEWORK FOR THE PH.D. IN CES PROGRAM:

STAT 8260 Advanced Statistics in Behavioral Sciences (3)

PSYC 8501 Teaching in Psychology and Counseling (3)

PSYC 8549 Advanced Research Seminar (3)

COUN 8826 Research Literature in Counseling and Psychotherapy (3)

COUN 9301 Professional Identity in Counselor Education and Supervision (3)

COUN 9320 Advanced Issues in Diversity (3)

COUN 9330 Advanced Counseling Theory (3)

COUN 9360 Advanced Counseling Skills Practicum I (3)

COUN 9361 Advanced Counseling Skills Practicum II (3)

COUN 9365 Supervision (3)

COUN 9370 Qualitative Research Design (3)

COUN 9990 Advanced Internship I (3)

COUN 9991 Advanced Internship II (3)

COUN 9999 Dissertation (9 credits if not complete in 9 hours must enroll in directed scholarship)

COUN 9998 Directed Scholarship (3 credits – optional if needed each semester until dissertation project is successfully completed)

(see [Appendix A](#) for course descriptions)

