

College Career Counseling Certificate

The College Career Counseling Certification offered by the Counseling Program in the Division of Psychology and Counseling is designed in a hybrid format that will be accessible to a diverse population of various localities. While most course work is accomplished online, face to face class meetings will enhance the community feeling among students. The curriculum includes a sequence of five 3-credit hour courses designed to prepare professionals to enhance college career readiness in adolescents and adults in preparation for the challenging workforce. The curriculum focuses on knowledge and skill building in the areas of college career assessment, college admission counseling and career coaching with individuals in the secondary and postsecondary settings. Prospective, practicing or retired professionals in counseling, academic advising, financial aid, registrar, student life and human resources will find a window of opportunity for professional renewal, development and advancement.

Admissions Criteria:

In addition to the GSU graduate certificate requirements for admission, applicants must:

1. Provide evidence of having completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
2. Have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (A=4) or higher.
3. This program has rolling admissions (can be admitted in Fall, Spring or Summer).

Application Procedure:

1. Fill out a [Certificate Application](#) online with \$50 fee (please write "CCC" in the spot that asks for a certificate code).
2. Provide official bachelor's transcript (minimum GPA 3.0).

Student Progress: The faculty monitors and evaluates student progress continuously. The Counseling Department Faculty and Student Handbook provide a specific description of the standards used to evaluate student progress.



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Conditional Continuation:

The faculty may permit a student to progress conditionally. In such cases, faculty review of the applicant's records and performance identifies evidence that the student is likely to be successful in the program. The status of all students permitted to progress conditionally is reviewed by the faculty each semester, and students are informed in writing of the conditions necessary for them to be transferred to good standing status. When conditions are met, the student is transferred to good standing status. Students may not be admitted to the culminating project without achieving good standing status.

Certificate Requirements:

Students must meet all university requirements for a certificate. A 100- hour practicum embedded in COUN 8852 is required for all students.

I. Required Preparation/Prerequisites Courses: To receive the College Career Coaching Certificate, students must successfully complete the following courses with a grade of "B" or better.

Counseling Course Prerequisites

- COUN 6620 Lifespan Developmental Issues *
- COUN 7730 Life Style and Career Development *

**or equivalent courses*

II. College Career Coaching Certificate Courses (10 Hours)

- COUN 7735 Students in Higher Education (3)
- COUN 8852 College Career Coaching Academy (with lab) (3)
- COUN 3300 Lab (1)
- COUN 8862 College Admission Counseling (3)

III. Total - minimum of 10 - 16 hours



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