



## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION & SUPERVISION

# CACREP ACCREDITED FAQ

**Q: I have a master's degree in psychology (criminal justice, animal husbandry, forensics), addictions or a related field. Am I eligible to apply to the Ph.D. program in Counselor Education and Supervision?**

**A:** Applicants with a master's degree in a non-CACREP accredited counseling or counseling-related program will be considered for the Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision program. In addition to degree transcripts, individual course syllabi may be required to ensure that the applicant has met all the minimum requirements for the program (course work and supervised clinical training required hours). Some of the non-met requirements may be taken concurrently with the Ph.D. in CES program as long as completed within the first year.

**Q: How can I use the degree I am earning after I graduate?**

**A:** As a CACREP accredited Counselor Education and Supervision program, students would be eligible for hire with universities/colleges offering a CACREP accredited counseling program. Additionally, through the advanced supervision training, many agencies now seek clinical supervisors with a doctoral degree.

**Q: How many credits do I have to earn?**

**A:** The Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision program is a 48-credit hour program. All courses are 3 credits each. The program focuses on training students in five key areas: advanced clinical practice, supervision, teaching, research and scholarship, and leadership and advocacy.

**Q: How/when are the courses offered?**

**A:** Doctoral program courses are held Tuesday and/or Wednesday at two different time periods (4:30-7:20 pm and 7:30-10:20 pm), though students may be required to come to campus on other days depending on course and training requirements. All courses are currently offered in-person on campus.

**Q: What the overall length of the program (how many semesters)?**

**A:** The Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision is a cohort design, in which students take two courses (3 credits each for 6 credits) each semester. Classes run year-long (fall, spring, and summer). The program is designed for students to complete the program within three years, though this may extend longer depending on completion of their dissertation.

**Q: What is candidacy?**

**A:** Candidacy determines if the student is eligible for their dissertation completion and their Advanced Internship.

**Q: What is the practicum and how long is the practicum?**

**A:** The practicum is a field placement course that allows students to receive advanced practice and supervision related to clinical work. Students have their practicum experience over two semesters. Practicum requires a minimum 100 hours of clinical work, in which a minimum of 40 hours is direct client service.

**Q: What is the internship and how does the internship work?**

A: The internship is a minimum 600 hour (no direct contact requirements) individualized training experience designed to focus on students' professional goals post-degree/graduation. The doctoral internship is scheduled over two consecutive semesters. Students must achieve at least three completed activities in five areas: advanced counseling (beyond the practicum), supervision, teaching, research and scholarship, and leadership and advocacy. Students are required to have at least one completed experience during internship in supervision and teaching.

**Q: What is CACREP and what does it do for me?**

A: CACREP stands for the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. It is the national accrediting body for counseling programs in the United States and other countries. CACREP has very specific standards for master's and doctoral level programs. Accredited programs must be re-accredited within an eight-year period from the prior accreditation date. GSU's counseling programs (MA and Ph.D.) are currently accredited through March 31, 2023.

The benefits of CACREP accreditation include the following:

- Assurance that you are being trained in a program that meets national professional standards.
- An advantage in the job market and doctoral programs that prefer CACREP graduates.
- The opportunity to sit for the National Counselor Examination (through NBCC) during your internship or immediately upon graduation.
- CACREP's Website: [www.cacrep.org](http://www.cacrep.org)

**Q: What are the employment prospects for Counselors, Counselor Educators, and Supervisors?**

A: Specifics of the national opportunities are unknown/unreported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. There are several universities in the surrounding Chicago area which offer CACREP accredited programs and non-accredited counseling programs. Graduates would qualify to be an adjunct and/or possible full-time faculty member at many of these local universities. Graduates may also use this degree if wanting to relocate out of state and work of other non-Illinois universities, including fully on-line institutions.

**Q: Who can I contact for further information?**

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