MASTER OF ARTS: COUNSELING

Student Learning Outcomes
Graduates demonstrate skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- Theories and skills of counseling
- The counseling relationship
- Social and cultural foundations of counseling
- Career development
- Assessment
- Research methods
- Professional identity
- Group theory and skills
- Ethical standards and issues
- Diagnostic systems
- Preventive intervention and consultation
- Human development and biological factors in human functioning

Additional School Counseling Student Learning Outcomes*

- Student development
- Program implementation
- Professional relationships
- Leadership and advocacy
- Ethical and professional conduct
- Cultural competence

*The UMKC Counseling Program Goals are based on the Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE). The MoSPE Standards for School Counselors are the foundation for certification in Missouri.

Mission Statement
The mission of the Counseling programs at UMKC’s School of Education is to prepare students to meet the varied psychological, social, and educational needs of individuals, couples and families in diverse urban communities. Based on national and state standards for excellence in counselor preparation, the programs prepare students to be credentialed as professional school counselors and licensed professional counselors.

Overview of the M.A. in Counseling
The Counseling Program is accredited by the Master’s in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council. The master’s degree is the first professional degree in counseling. Graduates holding this degree will gain the basic understanding and skills necessary for professional practice as a counselor. The program currently offers three emphasis areas leading to the M.A. degree: School Counseling, Couples and Family Counseling and Mental Health Counseling.

Eligibility for school counselor certification is based on meeting DESE requirements for grade point average, the Missouri School Counseling Content Assessment (MoSCA) and the Missouri School Counselor Evaluation (MEES). The other counseling emphases are designed for students who wish to work in a variety of settings other than the public schools. Those earning degrees in counseling become employed in community colleges, four-year colleges, specialized areas in large universities (e.g. career planning and placement), the court system and community-based mental health services. Many students go on for advanced degrees. Students in this program will take all of the coursework needed to be eligible for licensure as a professional counselor in the state of Missouri. Students may also arrange their internship setting placements similar to those in which they plan to work.

Requirements for Admission

- Overall undergraduate 2.75 GPA or better, or 3.0 or better (4.0 scale) in the last 60 semester hours.

Admission Procedures
Applications for the mental health and couples/family emphasis areas are accepted twice a year: by Sept. 1 to be admitted for the spring semester or by March 1 to be admitted for the fall semester. School Counseling applications are accepted and reviewed year-round. It is recommended all application materials be submitted at least one month prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student wishes to enroll.
Students who wish to apply to the program will have to submit two separate applications, one to the University (see A. below) and one to the Division of Counseling and Educational Psychology (see B. below).

**A. Send to the UMKC Admission office:**

1. Application for Admission (available on-line at www.umkc.edu/admissions (http://www.umkc.edu/admissions/)).
2. $35 (domestic online) or $50 (international) non-refundable application fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities previously attended (in sealed envelope or sent directly from universities).

**Mailing Address**

University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Office of Admissions  
120 Administrative Center  
5100 Rockhill Road  
Kansas City, MO 64110-2499

**B. Send to the Counseling and Educational Psychology office:**

1. M.A. Counseling Application (detailed instructions available on the application).
2. Three letters of reference (use rating forms in the application packet).
3. Statement defining personal and professional goals.
4. Additional requirements may apply for international students.

**Mailing Address**

University of Missouri-Kansas City  
ATTN: Division of Counseling and Educational Psychology  
215 Education Building  
5100 Rockhill Road  
Kansas City, MO 64110-2499

**Requirements for Graduation**

Students must complete all courses in the M.A. program with a B or better in all coursework.

Students must apply for graduation by the posted deadline during their final term of enrollment. All students must be enrolled during the term they intend to graduate.

Students in the school counseling emphasis must pass the Missouri state assessments exams for school counseling.

For more specific information about the master's in Counseling and Guidance see https://education.umkc.edu/academics/masters-program/ma-in-counseling/

**Degree Requirements**

* Note: Only courses with an asterisk may be taken prior to being admitted to the program.
# Note: Course can be taken if officially admitted to a graduate degree program.

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### Couples and Family Emphasis Area
- CPCE 5527: Theory And Methods Of Sexual Counseling
- CPCE 5541: Couples And Family Therapy
- CPCE 5542: Theories and Techniques of Family Systems Therapy
- CPCE 5590: Prevention, Consultation, and Program Evaluation in Community Settings
- EDUC-R&P 5513: Life Span Human Development

3 hours elective coursework

### Mental Health Emphasis
- CPCE 5527: Theory And Methods Of Sexual Counseling
- CPCE 5521: Special Counseling Methods - Substance Abuse
- CPCE 5590: Prevention, Consultation, and Program Evaluation in Community Settings
- EDUC-R&P 5513: Life Span Human Development

6 hours elective coursework

### School Counseling Emphasis
- CPCE 5502: Fndtns Of Elementary & Secondary School Counseling & Guidance
- CPCE 5504: School Guidance Programs
- CPCE 5550: Organization And Administration Of Counseling Programs
- TCH-ED 404: Education of the Exceptional Child and Youth (5404 section)
- EDUC-R&P 5513: Life Span Human Development (Elementary, Secondary, and K-12 counselors)
- EDUC-C&I 5512: Strategies For Effective Classroom Management (Required for those who do not hold a current teaching certificate.)
- EDUC-C&I 5517: Teaching Methods And Practices (Required for those who do not hold a current teaching certificate.)

**Total Credits** 60