

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) IN Counselor Education and Supervision



## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Format:** Blended combination of in-person and online classes

**Start Term:** August

**Course Length:** 16 weeks during fall and spring semesters; 8 weeks during summer semester

**Completion Time:** 3-5 years

**Residency Requirement:** 1 year

**Graduate Assistantship:** Minimum \$2,500 per semester available to eligible students during first 3 years of study

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## Counselor Education and Supervision at Mercer University

As a counseling professional, you care deeply about the health and well-being of the clients you serve. Become a leader in the field of counseling, and use your knowledge and experience to teach, mentor, and develop fellow counselors. Mercer University's **Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision** will enhance your skills in counseling, teaching, supervision, research, and leadership to equip you for an advanced role in a variety of professional settings.

The program prepares professionals as practitioners, consultants, counselor educators, supervisors, and researchers. The degree is awarded to those who demonstrate a mastery of their field and who complete and defend a dissertation. Doctoral training extends beyond course content hours and field experiences; candidates learn to examine current practices critically, generate research inquiries, and advance the profession of counseling through oral and written contributions.

### THROUGH MERCER'S PROGRAM, YOU WILL:

- Prepare for advancement to a leadership role in counseling.
- Become a “scientist practitioner” — both a consumer and producer of research.
- Collaborate on research projects with highly credentialed faculty.
- Develop essential skills to teach at the university level.

The Counselor Education and Supervision program at Mercer University is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

## Program of Study

### Counseling: 6 hours

- COUN 702 Advanced Counseling Theories
- COUN 720 Contemporary Issues in Counselor Education

### Supervision: 6 hours

- COUN 802 Counseling Supervision Theories and Models
- COUN 803 Practicum in Clinical Supervision

### Teaching: 3 hours

- COUN 801 Teaching and Pedagogy in Counselor Education and Supervision

### Leadership and Advocacy: 3 hours

- COUN 706 Leadership, Advocacy, and Social Justice in Counseling

### Research and Scholarship: 21 hours

- COUN 701 Advanced Psychometrics
- COUN 812 Qualitative Research
- COUN 815 Advanced Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research
- COUN 830 Research and Statistics I
- COUN 831 Research and Statistics II
- COUN 832 Research Design
- COUN 901 Prospectus Design

### Practicum and Internship: 9 hours

- COUN 707 Advanced Clinical Practicum
- COUN 910 Internship in Counselor Education and Supervision (two semesters)

### Electives: 6 hours

### Dissertation: 6 hours

- COUN 920 Dissertation

### Total degree requirements: 60 hours

## Residency Requirement

Students in the Ph.D. program are expected to establish “residency” by **attending school full time for the first 30 hours of the program** to formulate their research agenda and work with faculty on research, supervision, teaching, and extramural funding.

During residency, students are encouraged to build professional relationships and engage in activities that enhance their professional development, such as attending dissertation defenses, workshops, colloquia, or symposia on campus and in the Metro Atlanta area. Students may collaborate on faculty research projects, assist with instructional programs for master’s degree students, and learn to design and write grants for external funding.

Graduate teaching assistantships or graduate research assistantships may be available to eligible students during the first three years of study and provide a minimum of **\$2,500 per semester**. Through these competitive assignments, students seeking a meaningful mentoring experience work with their faculty mentors on projects that increase their skills, confidence, awareness, and overall competence in academia, specifically in areas of teaching, research, supervision, leadership, advocacy, and counseling.



I knew of Mercer’s history and reputation, and when I learned a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision was offered, Mercer was a top choice. I met with members of other cohorts in the program, and all of them had really positive experiences to share. I can look back and wholeheartedly say that I believe the faculty at Mercer invested in me. I was provided research opportunities, teaching opportunities, the opportunity to co-present at conferences, and so much more.

**DeVon Mills, Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, '19**



## Admission to Program

Applicants seeking admission to the program must have a master's degree in counseling or a counseling discipline from a college or university accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education with a minimum 3.5 graduate GPA. Preference is given to graduates of CACREP-accredited programs.

### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application
- \$35 application fee (\$100 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Current résumé or curriculum vitae
- Copies of any licenses or certifications held
- Goal statement indicating why you are interested in pursuing a degree in Counselor Education and Supervision
- Academic writing sample on a topic of professional interest for counselors
- Three current letters of recommendation
- Interview

*International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.*



### CONTACT US

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