

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN

# School Counseling



Today's school counselors are vital members of the educational team whose role is essential to facilitate academic achievement, personal and social growth, and career development for all students.

Mercer University's **Master of Science in School Counseling** prepares candidates to serve the education community as professional school counselors. Learn to become a reflective practitioner, advocating for the needs and rights of students, while collaborating and establishing partnerships with parents, schools, other professionals, and communities. Students will be prepared for certification by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) at the S-5 level.

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

### PROGRAM DETAILS

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

**Start Term:** January, May, and August

**Course Length:** 16 weeks

**Completion Time:** 30–36 months

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## Program of Study

### Professional Studies: 28 hours

COUN 613 Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling  
COUN 614 Human Growth and Development  
COUN 618 Ethics and Professional Issues  
COUN 621 Research and Program Evaluation  
COUN 631 Introduction to School Counseling  
COUN 633 Seminar in School Counseling  
COUN 639 Practicum in School Counseling  
COUN 640 School Internship  
COUN 641 Theories of Family Counseling

### Content and Related Studies: 26 hours

COUN 601 Career and Vocational Guidance  
COUN 605 Group Counseling and Group Work  
COUN 606 Counseling Skills and Techniques  
COUN 608 Addictions Counseling  
COUN 612 Counseling Theory  
COUN 617 Assessment and Testing  
COUN 632 Leadership & Administration in School Counseling  
COUN 643 Counseling for College Access and Career Readiness  
COUN 644 Orientation to Professional School Counseling

### Electives: 6 hours

#### Choose two of the following courses:

COUN 611 Special Topics in Counseling  
COUN 623 Play Therapy  
COUN 642 Brief Therapy  
COUN 645 Crisis, Trauma and Grief Counseling

### Total Degree Requirements: 60 hours



## Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking graduate admission must have a bachelor's degree with an acceptable grade point average from a college or university accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application
- \$35 application fee (\$100 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Official MAT or GRE score
- Two letters of recommendation
- Goal statement
- Résumé
- Background check
- Interview

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



### CONTACT US

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