Thank you for your interest in the Counselor Education Program at Ohio University! The Master’s degree in Counselor Education requires all students to complete the clinical mental health program and students may specialize in an additional area. Program areas are nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation for Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). A minimum of 60 credit hours is required to earn the M.Ed. in Counselor Education.

Students should choose one of the following program areas of study:

- **Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Code: ME 6278)**
  - Eligible to become a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Ohio after passing an examination required by the Ohio Counselor Social Worker Marriage and Family Therapy (CSWMFT) Board.

- **Clinical Mental Health/Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (Code: ME 6324)**
  - Eligible to become a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Ohio after passing an examination required by the Ohio CSWMFT Board. Eligible to become a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor nationally after passing a national examination required by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.

- **School Counseling (Code: ME 6274)**
  - Eligible to become a Licensed School Counselor in the State of Ohio after completion of an examination required by the State Department of Education.

The faculty begin review of applications on **January 15th** each year for Fall admission. Prospective students interested in applying after this date must contact the Program Coordinator directly. Applications will only be considered if all positions have not been filled. Students are only admitted for the Fall semester each year, and may begin taking coursework in the preceding Summer session.

**REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS**

Applicants for the M.Ed. Program in Counselor Education must apply online to Ohio University’s Graduate College. Questions about how to apply can be directed to Graduate College at graduate@ohio.edu or 740-593-2800. Additional information on the graduate application process at Ohio University may be found in the Graduate Catalog.

The following materials are required to be submitted to the Graduate College:

*Note: Incomplete applications will not be forwarded by Graduate College to program faculty for review. Please communicate with the Graduate College to ensure your application is complete.*

- **Transcripts** showing a Bachelor's degree with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.9 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
  - Applicants with a GPA lower than 2.9 may still apply, but must submit Verbal and Quantitative scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
  - Applicants with less than a 2.9 GPA may address past academic performance and aptitude for graduate study in the Personal Statement.

- **Three letters of recommendation** written by current/former professors, supervisors, or others in the field who can address the applicant’s suitability for a graduate program in counseling.
  - Note that letters of recommendation are submitted online to the Graduate College by the authors of the letters. If your references prefer to submit hard copies, please contact the

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Graduate College for submission procedures. Applicants may review the status of reference letters here. Program faculty may contact references for further information.

- **Personal Statement** of approximately 5 double-spaced typed pages addressing the following:
  - What are your career goals? What experiences and/or persons in your life have influenced your career goals?
  - What experiences have you had that you believe would help you be successful in a graduate program in counselor education?
  - Describe your personal characteristics that will be assets and challenges to your study in counselor education. What qualities do you possess that you believe enable you to become an effective counselor?
  - Describe your culturally relevant interpersonal experiences with individuals or groups who differ from you (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation, age, spiritual beliefs, ability).
  - Counselor preparation involves a great deal of self-exploration and discovery. How will you manage your personal and professional boundaries in this process?
  - What distinguishes you from other candidates for the counselor education program?
  - Describe anything else you wish the program faculty to consider with your application.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

- International students must submit all required materials outlined above. In addition, the Ohio University Graduate College provides guidelines and English Language proficiency requirements for international student applications.
- Interviews with international students are likely to be conducted via video conference.

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATION OF ADMISSION DECISIONS**

- Applications will be reviewed by faculty immediately following January 15th.
- Applicants who are short-listed by faculty will be invited for an on-campus group interview.
- After the interview, faculty will submit admissions decisions to the Graduate College.
- Official notices of admission are sent via email from the Graduate College. Applicants must respond in a timely manner and inform the Graduate College whether or not they accept the offer of admission.
- Students who accept an offer of admission and then change their minds about attending must inform the Program Coordinator and Graduate College immediately.
- Accepted students will receive communication from the program coordinator no later than April 30th about their assigned faculty advisor, Fall program orientation, and graduate assistantships.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Applications for graduate assistantships or other forms of tuition waivers from the department should be submitted to counseloreducation@ohio.edu by January 15th. Continuation of financial assistance is based on department needs and student performance, which is reviewed annually by faculty.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Counselor Education Program Coordinator at counseloreducation@ohio.edu

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