ADMISSION CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE
DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION (Ph.D.)
OHIO UNIVERSITY

Thank you for your interest in the Counselor Education Program at Ohio University! Doctoral study in Counselor Education & Supervision at Ohio University prepares individuals for counselor education faculty positions in colleges and universities and provides advanced-level preparation for counselors in various public and private human services and mental health settings. The program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation for Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Doctoral graduates from this program become (a) college and university counselor education faculty members; (b) counselors, administrators, consultants, and trainers in mental health settings; and (c) practitioners in private practice.

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 Ph.D. Program (PH6265) in Counselor Education & Supervision must apply online to Ohio University’s Graduate College. Questions about how to apply via the online system may 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:

**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.

- **Academic Indicators:**
  - Transcripts showing a Master’s degree in Counseling or a closely-related field with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.
  - Graduate Record Exam (GRE) Scores demonstrating scores of 300 (verbal + quantitative).
  - Applicants that do not meet the above criteria may still apply, but should address past academic performance and aptitude for doctoral study in the Personal Statement. The review committee will consider additional information as described by the applicant and references on an individual basis.

- **Résumé/CV** highlighting professional experience of a nature and extent appropriate to doctoral study in Counselor Education. Include information on counseling, teaching, research, writing, and participation in professional organizations.

- **Three Letters of Recommendation** written by current or former professors or supervisors, or others in the field who can address the applicant’s suitability for doctoral level work in Counselor Education and Supervision.
  - Note that letters of recommendation are submitted online by the authors of the letters. If your references prefer to submit hard copies, please contact the 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 8 double-spaced typed pages from the applicant addressing specific questions including:

- What are your career goals?
- What qualities and skills do you possess that you believe enable you to become an effective counselor educator?
- Describe your personal characteristics that will be assets and challenges to your study in counselor education.
- Doctoral students typically work as supervisors and co-instructors. Describe how you will work with faculty and students in these roles.
- How will you manage your personal and professional boundaries through a demanding doctoral program?
- Describe culturally relevant interpersonal experiences with individuals or groups that differ from you (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation, age, spiritual beliefs, ability).
- What would distinguish 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

The Counselor Education program prioritizes the support of doctoral students with financial assistance through graduate assistantships or other forms of tuition waivers. Applications for graduate assistantships or other forms of tuition waivers from the department should be submitted to counseloreducation@ohio.edu by January 15th. Financial assistance from the department is limited and typically awarded for a period of two years. Continuation of financial assistance is based on department needs and student performance, which is reviewed annually by faculty.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Counselor Education Program Coordinator
counseloreducation@ohio.edu