Counselor Education Prospective Students: FAQs

Q: Does my Bachelor’s degree have to be in a Human Services area to apply to the Master’s program?
A: No. A Bachelor’s degree can be in any area for application to the Master’s program.

Q: Does my Master’s degree have to be in Counseling or a related area to apply to the Doctoral program?
A: Yes. A Master’s degree needs to be in Counseling or an acceptable comparable program for application to the Doctoral program.

Q: Is the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) required for Master’s or Doctoral admission?
A: The GRE is required for Master’s applicants if students do not have a 2.9 GPA on a 4.0 scale. The GRE is required for all doctoral applicants.

Q: Are there language requirements at Ohio University?
A: Yes. Please see the Graduate College English Language Proficiency requirements. Note that the program does not waive language requirements.

Q: Can I transfer in credits from another institution?
A: Upon approval of credits, students are able to transfer up to 8 credit hours towards the degree.

Q: When are classes offered?
A: Classes are generally offered in the early afternoon and in the evening, Monday-Thursday. Research classes taken in the Department of Educational Research vary.

Q: Are classes offered online or face-to-face?
A: Classes are largely offered in a face-to-face format on campus.

Q: Can I work full-time and go to school full-time to complete the Master’s degree?
A: It is difficult to work full-time and complete the program. If students plan to maintain their full-time work schedule, it is helpful to have a flexible work schedule as students have largely daytime and evening classes in addition to scheduled lab work and assignments completed outside of class. Full-time working students especially struggle in the field experience portion of the program, in which students acquire practicum hours (approximately 10 hours on site/week) and internship hours (approximately 20 hours on site/week).

Q: Can I go to school part-time?
A: Yes. Students can attend on a part time basis, although there is limited flexibility in the schedule of classes. Note that students must complete their within certain time frame Master’s (6 years) and Doctoral (7 years).

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Q: If I want to take a few courses, but do not want to complete the degree, what are my options?  
A: You can apply as a non-degree seeking student.

Q: Are there any Counselor Education Master’s program offerings on regional campuses?  
A: The program offer 3-year cohort M.Ed. programs at varying OHIO regional campus locations. These cohort programs are designed for working professionals who wish to complete a Master’s in Counselor Education. Classes are typically offered in an evening or weekend format. Please contact counseloreducation@ohio.edu for further information on upcoming regional Master’s program offerings.

Q: What is the tuition for the Graduate Program?  
A: Please see Ohio University’s Graduate College tuition information for graduate students.

Q: Are there opportunities for financial assistance?  
A: There are opportunities for Graduate Assistantships or Graduate Recruitment Scholarships in the Counseling and Higher Education (CHE) department and other departments for full-time students. For CHE department positions, prospective students must fill out the following application and submit to counseloreducation@ohio.edu. These applications are reviewed after offers of admissions have been submitted to the Graduate College.

Q: How do I apply to the program?  
A: Prospective students can apply online through the Graduate College. Only completed applications are forwarded by the Graduate College to faculty for review. Please see the following information on monitoring your application.

Q: When are applications due for the program?  
A: Applications for Master’s and Doctoral programs are due January 15th prior to the desired Fall or Summer start date. Faculty review applications immediately after this date. We do not accept applications for Spring start dates.

Q: What is the admissions process?  
A: Applications are independently reviewed by 2-3 different faculty members. Faculty review personal statement, GPA, test scores, professional and volunteer experiences, etc. Faculty consider the application as a whole (i.e., a single factor will not disqualify an applicant) and areas of low performance can be explained in the Personal Statement. Following the initial independent review, a selected number of applicants are offered an invitation to attend a group interview on campus. Following the group interview, applicants will be (a) offered admission; (b) removed from further consideration; or (c) placed on a Wait List, so if other offers are not accepted, admission may still be possible. The program coordinator communicates admissions decisions via email (typically in March) and official offers of admission are sent by the Graduate College. Some late admissions are acceptable on a case by case basis, depending on class size.

Q: Can I talk to someone about the program?  
A: Yes. The program offers on-campus and online program information sessions for prospective students to gain information about the program and hear from faculty and students. Please contact counseloreducation@ohio.edu for dates, times and locations.

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