ADMISSION TO THE COUNSELING PROGRAM
DEGREES IN:
M. S. CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
M.S.E. SCHOOL COUNSELING K - 12

1. The first step in the admission process is to contact the Graduate office and request an admission packet to attend graduate school. Phone Number: 870-230-5126 Email: grad@hsu.edu or go to website at http://www.hsu.edu/Academics/GraduateSchool/apply.html

2. When you have completed everything on the check list, send all of the required materials to the HSU Graduate Office. The Graduate Office will then send you confirmation of your materials and determine your eligibility to pursue studies in graduate school.

3. Once admitted to graduate studies, you will then be referred to the Counseling Department Chair where you will be advised by a faculty member in the Counseling Department where they will provide you with initial guidance in selecting appropriate course work that will be helpful in preparation for seeking full admission into the Counseling program.

4. Once you complete between 6-12 graduate hours of study, you will make a formal application to be admitted to the Counseling program by submitting required documentation. Upon successful completion of this process, you will be invited and expected to attend an orientation meeting. It is at this juncture that individuals are advising of the expectations and responsibilities required in the program.

5. Following orientation, the student will then be scheduled for an interview by members of the counseling faculty in order to determine academic and maturational readiness to pursue a career in counseling. Student will be notified by a faculty member as to their admission into the program.

6. Upon admittance to the program, the student will be assigned an advisor from the counseling faculty who will then guide the student through the program and inform them of additional requirements as specified in the student handbook.
CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION to GRADUATE SCHOOL

Do all of the following:
1. Completed application form

2. Proof of immunization for measles and rubella (if born January 1957 or later)

3. Completed selective service status form

4. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work from all colleges or Universities attended

CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION to COUNSELING PROGRAM

Once admitted to Graduate School you must then submit the following items for admission to the counseling program.

1. Official report of a score, obtained within the last 5 years, on either the Miller analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Praxis Core if pursuing a degree For School Counseling

2. A typed essay that reflects the applicant’s rationale for pursuing a career in counseling and demonstrates an awareness of the following characteristics that are necessary for becoming an effective counselor:
   • Ability to work well with others in a caring and authentic manner;
   • Awareness of cultural issues and of being non judgmental;
   • Possession of integrity and ethical conduct;
   • Commitment to professional development.

The essay is divided into five basic sections, each one designed so that the first few words of each segment are provided to get you started in the correct direction. Complete each segment (typewritten) so that you feel the intent of that item has been covered.

• Item 1: My rationale for pursuing a career in counseling is best expressed as follows:

• Item 2: My ability to work well with others in a caring and authentic manner is best expressed and demonstrated by:

• Item 3: My awareness of cultural issues, and of the necessity of being non-judgmental, is best expressed and demonstrated by:

• Item 4: My possession of integrity and ethical conduct is best expressed and demonstrated by:

• Item 5: My commitment to professional development is best expressed and demonstrated by:
3. Three appraisal/recommendation forms (See attached link)
   - One completed by a work supervisor or someone familiar with the student’s work performance and ethics.
   - One completed by a faculty member in the applicant’s most recent academic program of study.
   - The third form may be completed by anyone who can attest to the applicant’s ability and/or character, except that it may not be completed by anyone who is a relative of the applicant.

   If your recommendations are put on letter format we still request that the number rating part of the recommendation form be filled out by those who you choose. **It is recommended that you have persons who you use for recommendations place the completed recommendation in an envelope you provide, seal it, sign over the seal, and return the envelope to the applicant. Then you, as the applicant, return it to the Graduate School in person or by mail. This way you are certain that the recommendation has been completed.**

Submit all of the above to the Graduate School.
HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL
HSU BOX 7802
ARKADELPHIA, AR 71923

The Graduate School will forward these materials to the Department of Counselor Education. A live interview will then be scheduled following orientation with the faculty by the department secretary. The interview is part of the selection process. Upon successful completion of the interview, you will be assigned an advisor by the Chair of the Counselor Education Department and the completed file will be forwarded to the Graduate School.

**Admission Criteria are as follows:**

**Unconditional Admission Status** – Must satisfy one of the following:
   a) A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.85 (or 3.25 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work) and a raw score of at least 30 **Raw Score** or 380 **Scaled Score on the MAT** or a minimum score of 286 on the combined verbal and quantitative sections of the **GRE**.

   b) A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 (or 3.25 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work) and a raw score of at least 35 **Raw Score** or a 388 **Scaled Score on the MAT** or a minimum score of 287 on the combined verbal and quantitative sections of the **GRE**.

**Conditional Admission Status** – Must satisfy at least one of the following:
   a) A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.65 and a raw score of at least 30 or a **Standard Score of 380 on the MAT** or a minimum score of 286 on the combined verbal and quantitative sections of the **GRE**.

   b) A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.50 and a raw score of at least 33 or a standard score of 388 on the **MAT** or a minimum score of 287 on the combined verbal and quantitative sections of the **GRE**.
c) Unconditional admission to the counseling program, a raw score of at least 30 or a standard score of 383 on the MAT or a minimum score of 287 on the combined verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE, and a minimum cumulative graduate grade point average 3.0 on 12 or more semester hours with no more than one course with a grade of “C.” Information on Millers Analogy Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Examination can be found at http://www.hsu.edu/testing/

d) Passing Scores for Praxis are Core Reading 156; Core Writing 162; Core Math 150.

Information about the MAT and the GRE and Praxis Core

The MAT is the acronym for Miller Analogies Test. The GRE is an acronym for Graduate Record Exam. Praxis Core is mandatory for those seeking admission into the School Counseling Program. Departments determine the tests and scores required for admission for their degree programs.

Click on the links below to find additional information about the exams.

* Millers Analogies Test
* GRE
* Praxis Core

The counseling program has three admission dates:
• Mar 15th, for Summer Admission
• June 15th, for Fall Admission
• November 15th, for Spring Admission

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

School Counseling Majors student will complete a minimum of forty-eight (48) semester hours of graduate credit in a program of study planned with his/her adviser. Clinical Mental Health Majors complete sixty (60) semester hours for the degree. A 3.00 (“B”) grade-point average must be maintained. Requirements for the Master’s degree must be completed within eight calendar years.

CURRICULUM

A. Required Courses for ALL COUNSELING MAJORS (33 Semester Hrs.)

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B. Additional Requirements for School Counseling Majors (15 Semester Hours)
Available Online CED 6023 Professional School Counseling
Available Online CED 6773 Case Management: School
CED 6803 Counseling Internship: Elementary School (3 hours)
CED 6813 Counseling Internship: Secondary School (3 Hours)
CED 6063 Counseling Children and Adolescents/Intro to Play Therapy

C. Additional Requirements for Clinical Mental Health Counseling (15 Semester Hours)
Available Online CED 6923 Counseling Ethics
Partial Online CED 6013 Professional Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Available Online CED 6583 Counseling & Substance Abuse
Available Online CED 6683 Psychopharmacology
Available Online CED 6793 Case Management: Clinical Mental Health Counseling
CED 6826 Counseling Internship: Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Directed Elective Courses: (see listing below)
COUNSELING ELECTIVE COURSES:
Available Online CED 5653 Family Counseling and Parent Education.
CED 6053 Special Problems in Counselor Education
Available Online CED 6583 Counseling & Substance Abuse (Elective for School majors)
CED 6633 Counseling Supervision
Available Online CED 6643 Sex Counseling
Available Online CED 6683 Psychopharmacology (Elective for School Counseling majors)
CED 6913 Advanced Counseling Techniques
Available Online CED 6923 Counseling Ethics (Elective for School Counseling)
CED 6963 Personality Assessment
CED 6973 Personality Dynamics
CED 6983 Seminar in Counseling

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY

- Henderson State University, Arkansas’ second oldest stated-supported institution of higher education was founded in 1890.
- HSU enrollment is approximately 3,000 students. The Department of Counselor Education has enrollment of 90 plus students.
- HSU is located in Arkadelphia, a city of 10,000 70 miles Southwest of Little Rock and 35miles south of Hot Springs. The city is easily accessible by Interstate 30, U.S. Highway 67 and Arkansas Highways 7, 8, 26, and 51.
- Highly qualified faculty and fully accredited by NCATE. The two counseling programs are accredited by CACREP.
- A master’s degree at HSU in school or clinical mental health counseling is a positive experience in personal growth as well as professional preparation as a counselor.
- Alumni of the HSU Counselor Education program consistently attest to the availability and individual attention of the six counselor education faculty.
- Students may attend full-time or evening and summer classes.
- Extensive book, periodical, cassette tape, film, videocassette tape and DVD library available for student use.