Requirements for Admission to the Counseling Program

In addition to fulfilling the general graduate studies admission requirements, the admission and matriculation requirements for the Counseling program consist of:

1. A baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA.

2. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, General Test only. The GRE may be waived if the candidate holds an advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or the evaluated equivalent of foreign academic credentials. Other test waivers may be offered. Applicants should check for the latest test waiver policy at the Graduate Studies Home Page: http://www.njcu.edu/Graduate_Students.aspx.

3. Satisfactory completion of at least six undergraduate credits in Counseling or Psychology. Additional graduate and/or undergraduate work may be considered necessary for admission. In such instances, the student must complete an individual program plan in consultation with an assigned faculty advisor.

4. 500-word essay, reflective of the candidate’s personal counseling philosophy and counselor dispositions, including the candidate’s future role as a counseling professional in an urban environment.

5. The “Recommendation Form for Graduate Degree Program” completed by two professionals attesting to the candidate’s potential for graduate study in Counseling such as professors or supervisors.

6. Current Resume

7. Interview

After a review of the candidate’s credentials and a successful interview with the Counseling Program Faculty, the candidate may be recommended either for matriculation or conditional admission.

Students in the MA in Counseling Program are accepted for Fall and Spring Semesters only.