

## **Requirements for Admission into the MA in Counseling Program**

Applicants for graduate study in the Counselor Education Department must complete a two-level review in addition to the general graduate studies admission requirements. First, the department will review the candidate's application. Applicants who pass this review will then need to schedule an interview with the department. After successfully completing the review and interview, a candidate may be accepted for matriculation or conditional admission.

Admissions requirements:

1. Baccalaureate degree with a minimum 3.0 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 credential. Other test waivers may be offered. Applicants should check with [Graduate Admissions](#) for the latest test waiver policy.
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. A 500-word essay, reflective of the candidate's personal counseling philosophy and personal dispositions as well as the candidate's intended future role as a counseling professional in an urban environment.
5. Two [Graduate Program Recommendations](#). These should be completed by two professionals, such as a professor or supervisor, who can attest to the candidate's potential for graduate study in counseling.
6. A current resume.
7. A group interview with the department faculty.

Students in the MA in Counseling Program are accepted to begin for the Fall and Spring semesters only.