

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Cleveland, Mississippi

Delta State University is a public institution providing a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum. It offers 12 baccalaureate degrees in 38 majors and seeks to meet the need for advanced training in certain fields by providing programs of study for nine master's degrees, the Educational Specialist degree and the Doctor of Education degree.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education operates collaboratively with the other colleges and schools in the university, the university staff, and outside agencies to produce professional graduates who will be effective in the field of human learning and services. The College of Education strives for a stimulating, positive environment and provides its students with professional faculty who emulate and model the professional competencies, skills, and dispositions expected of Delta State University graduates from the College of Education.

COUNSELOR EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

The faculty and staff of the Delta State University Counselor Education Program, through teaching, training, supervision, and experiential activity, develop ethical, competent, and culturally sensitive counselors who are prepared to work in school or community settings. Program faculty seek to strengthen the profession by modeling for students the professional expectation of continued growth and learning, interpersonal awareness, and practical application of sound principles and practices in their work as professional counselors.

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DIVISION OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

Ed.S. Program in Counseling

■ School Counseling Emphasis



Ed.S. in Counseling (School Counseling Emphasis)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Educational Specialist program in Counseling (School Counseling Emphasis) functions to meet the diverse needs of professional school counselors seeking advanced professional preparation in the areas of elementary, middle, and high school counseling. The Ed.S. program typically entails two years of graduate study and has two goals: (1) Prepare students to meet requirements to obtain a Mississippi Class AAA educator's license and (2) update and increase their knowledge, skills, and professionalism in the field of school counseling. Students may also take coursework required for licensure as a Mississippi Licensed Professional Counselor.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- All general requirements for admission to the graduate school of Delta State University must be met.
- Transcript indicating receipt of a master's degree in Counseling or Counselor Education (school counseling emphasis) with a 3.25 minimum grade point average from a CACREP accredited program or equivalent
- MS class AA educator license in School Guidance and Counseling (or equivalent from another state)
- Minimum of two years experience as a professional school counselor
- Current employment as a professional school counselor in a public or private school
- Minimal score on a nationally recognized standardized test of verbal/writing skills. Scores will be consistent with the minimal scores that are currently being used for admission in other Ed.S. programs in Delta State University's College of Education.
 - Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) | **3.00**
 - Graduate Record Exam (GRE Verbal) | **370**
 - Miller's Analogy Test | **30**
 - Praxis: Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) Writing Test | **174**
- Three letters of recommendation: (1) current or former supervisor in the field of education who can address the candidate's professional school counseling qualifications, (2) college instructor who can address the candidate's ability for successful graduate performance in this program, and (3) another professional reference who can address the candidate's professional counseling skills and identity.
- Curriculum Vita/detailed resume demonstrating leadership and professional counseling identity/involvement
- Academic writing sample

CURRICULUM

The Ed.S. program in School Counseling consists of 30 hours of course work. Students must also complete a capstone project and pass a written comprehensive examination.

REQUIRED COURSES (12 hours)

- CED 717 Advanced School Counseling (3 hours)
- CED 790 Theories of Counseling Supervision (3 hours)
- CED 758 Advanced Counseling Practicum (3 hours)
- ELR 702 Educational Research Design (3 hours)

ELECTIVES (18 hours)

Students will select 6 courses from the existing counseling curriculum, based on their professional goals and approved by the Ed.S. program advisor. *Note that 15 of the total program hours must consist of 700-level courses.*

JOB OUTLOOK

SCHOOL COUNSELING • 14% increase

The need for school counselors "is expected to grow by 14%, which is faster than average for all occupations... Counselors are becoming more involved in crisis and preventive counseling, helping students deal with issues ranging from drug and alcohol abuse to death and suicide... Median annual wages counselors in May 2008 were \$51,050." SOURCE: The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2010).