



GRADUATE and POST-GRADUATE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAMS

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Introduction to the Counseling Profession

The counseling profession is designed to assist individuals in effectively managing the many challenges of living and serious mental health issues through self-exploration and increased self-awareness. The counseling profession is one that begins at the graduate level with most counseling students possessing undergraduate degrees in related social sciences (i.e., psychology, social work). Rooted in counseling theory and research, professional counselors are trained in the development of counseling skills while engaging in personal growth experiences. While the classroom serves as one form of training ground, clinic experiences and field placements sufficiently augment the counselor-in-training with adequate preparation to enter the field. The principles of service, social justice, and cultural competence provide the ideological foundations for the Counseling programs at UDM. It is as a result of this rigorous training that professional counselors are equipped to effectively work with individuals towards positive change in every aspect of living.

The Counseling program prepares students to gain the necessary education and skills to function as a professional counselor in various settings. Three specialty areas are offered

in the department: Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and School Counseling. Each program meets the educational requirements for the State of Michigan licensed professional counselor (LLPC). For individuals not interested in pursuing a Master's degree, the Department offers two options for endorsement and certification: the School Counselor Endorsement and the Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies.

Accreditation Status

The Counseling programs at the University of Detroit Mercy are CACREP-accredited and prepare individuals for a successful and rewarding career in the field of counseling. Detroit Mercy's nationally recognized program provides students with state of the art academic and training at one of Michigan's premier institutions of higher education.

Admission Requirements

Complete the online application

<https://apply.udmercy.edu/apply/>; submit official transcripts from all schools attended; undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, or a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the second half of undergraduate degree program, or a graduate GPA of 3.0 on a previously completed graduate degree; minimum of 15 hrs in the behavioral sciences (psychology, sociology, anthropology), one course of which must be statistics; a letter of intent explaining your interest in pursuit of graduate work in counseling; current resume; writing exam; (3) letters of recommendation from individuals able to speak to your potential in the counseling field; interview with the faculty.

School Counseling – Master of Arts (MA) & Licensure as a Professional Counselor (LLPC) & School Counselor Endorsement

This program prepares certified teachers to become school counselors or guidance directors, as well as to work in other related capacities. Coursework emphasizes theory, clinical skill development, assessment and evaluation, and comprehensive guidance program development, and emphasizes the myriad issues specifically related to K-12 school counseling.

After the completion of 39 credit hours and successfully passing the Michigan Guidance Counselor Test, students may become eligible to begin employment as a school counselor through the *Preliminary Authorization to Work* program designed for school counselors. Graduates meet the educational

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requirements for both professional licensure as a counselor within the state of Michigan and the School Counselor Endorsement through the Michigan Department of Education. The 48 credit hour program generally requires 2-3 years to complete.

Curriculum

Master of Arts in School Counseling – LPC & Endorsement to Teaching Certificate

Must have a teaching certificate

Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
CNS 5000	CNS 5390	CNS 5360	CNS 5850
CNS 5020	CNS 5400	CNS 5430	CNS 5470
CNS 5120	CNS 5410	CNS 5450	CNS 6040
CNS 5320	CNS 5720		
CNS 5350			
CNS 5380			
48 credits			

School Counselor Endorsement Only Non-Degree Program

The *School Counselor Endorsement Only* program is designed for individuals that possess both a Master’s degree in a related education area and a teaching certificate. A 600-hour internship is required for the program. The *School Counselor Endorsement Only* program does not lead to licensure as a professional counselor (LPC).

Individuals completing this program are eligible for the School Counselor Endorsement to the teaching certificate through the Michigan Department of Education. The 30 credit hour program generally requires 1-2 years to complete. Additional coursework may be required.

Admission Requirements

Application requirements for the non-degree programs in School Counseling are the same as for the MA programs in School Counseling with the following exceptions: one letter of recommendation is needed instead of three, and a copy of the valid MI teaching certificate is required.

Curriculum

School Counselor Endorsement Only

Must have a Master’s degree in related education area and a teaching certificate. Not eligible for LPC.

Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
CNS 5120	CNS 5390	CNS 5430	CNS 5850
CNS 5350	CNS 5400	CNS 5450	CNS 6040
CNS 5380	CNS 5410		
30 credits			

School Counseling – Master of Arts (MA) & Licensure as a Professional Counselor (LLPC) & School Counselor License

This program prepares individuals who do not have a teaching certificate to become school counselors or guidance directors, as well as to work in other related capacities. Coursework emphasizes theory, clinical skill development, assessment and evaluation, and comprehensive guidance program development, and emphasizes the myriad issues specifically related to K-12 school counseling.

After the completion of 39 credit hours and successfully passing the Michigan Guidance Counselor Test, students are eligible to begin employment as a school counselor through the *Preliminary Authorization to Work* program designed for school counselors. Graduates meet the academic requirements for both professional licensure as a counselor within the state of Michigan and the School Counselor Endorsement through the Michigan Department of Education. The 57 credit hour program generally requires 2-3 years to complete.

Curriculum

Master of Arts in School Counseling – LPC & School Counselor License

Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
CNS 5000	CNS 5390	CNS 5430	CNS 5850
CNS 5020	CNS 5400	CNS 5470	CNS 5480
CNS 5120	CNS 5410	CNS 5480	CNS 6040
CNS 5320	CNS 5450	CNS 5600	
CNS 5350	CNS 5720		
CNS 5360			
CNS 5380			
57 credits			

Post-MA School Counselor Certification - Non-Degree Program

The Post-MA School Counselor Certificate program is designed for individuals that possess a Master’s degree in Counseling (Community, Addictions, Marriage and Family, or College from a CACREP-accredited institution) and wish to become certified as a school counselor. The 18 credit hour curriculum consists of an intensive focus on the role of the counselor in the K-12 school and the broader context of K-12 education. In addition to traditional coursework in school counseling, a 300-hour internship completed in a K-12 setting is required. The Post-MA School Counselor Certificate program does not lead to licensure as a certified teacher.

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Admission Requirements

The requirements for admission to the counseling programs include the following:

The requirements for admission to the non-degree granting Post-MA School Counselor Certificate program includes the following: Complete the online application <https://apply.udmercy.edu/apply/>; submit official transcripts from all schools attended; an MA in Counseling from a CACREP-accredited Counseling program (granted within the past 15 years), a 1-2 page Letter of Intent that outlines your personal career goals, one Letter of Recommendation written by an employer or former Counseling faculty member, and an interview with the Program Director. Any gaps in the initial Counseling curriculum may require additional coursework.

Admission Deadlines

Admission Term:	Due Date:
Fall	May 15
Winter	October 1
Summer	February 1

All application documents must be received by the college by the due date listed to be eligible for admission.

Curriculum

Post-MA School Counselor Certification

Post-MA School Counselor Certificate – Non-degree program. Must have a Master's degree in Counseling. Not eligible for teacher certification.

Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
CNS 5410	CNS 5470	CNS 5480	CNS 6040
CNS 5450	Elective		
18 credits			

If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact:

Theresa Carson, Graduate Admissions Counselor
(313) 993-3309 or carsonta@udmercy.edu

International Students:

(800) 635-5020 or admissions@udmercy.edu

If you have questions regarding the School Counseling Programs, please contact:

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If you have questions regarding other Counseling programs in the department, please contact:

Addiction Counseling

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Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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Michigan Educators may be eligible for 60% tuition remission.

<https://www.udmercy.edu/apply/financial-aid/forms/additional-forms/School%20Educators%20Form.pdf>