



Master of Arts in School Counseling

Northern Kentucky University's School Counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), ensuring students receive a quality educational experience.

The school counseling curriculum at NKU meets the educational requirements for initial certification/ licensure as a professional school counselor in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and 33 other states.

Admissions Requirements

- Online application
- Bachelors degree with GPA 2.75 or better
- Official transcripts
- Supplemental application
- Writing sample
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Criminal background check
- Students with an undergraduate GPA under 3.0 will be required to supply GRE scores

Program Admissions

To begin in summer or fall, all materials should be received by:

- Priority Deadline: February 1
- Final Deadline: April 1 Applications received after April 1 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

To begin in spring, all materials should be received by:

• Priority Deadline: October 1 Final Deadline: November 1 NKU's Master of Arts in School Counseling is an accredited, 60-semester-hour program designed to prepare individuals to be professional school counselors in grades K-12. Our school counseling graduates are trained to respond to the developmental needs of the whole child: academic, career, and social/emotional.

Why study School Counseling at NKU?

Experienced Faculty: NKU's counselor educators bring significant clinical experience to the classroom, having worked in private practices, residential treatment, community agency, school, and hospital settings.

Mentorship opportunities: The program's core team of counselor educators teaches more than 95% of courses, affording students abundant opportunities to develop mentoring relationships.

Program flexibility: The School Counseling program accommodates both fulltime and part-time students with classes typically scheduled Monday through Thursday evenings.

Student-centered placements: In preparation for practicum and internship experiences, the program's clinical coordinator assesses each student's learning needs and organizes placements with a diverse array of school districts in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.

Recent graduate employment: The program's job placement rate exceeds 90%. Graduates of our school counseling program have acquired positions at a variety of school districts throughout Northern Kentucky, as well as the Cincinnati Public Schools, and other educational institutions across the tri-state.