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The graduate degrees and endorsements are divided into several program areas:

(1) School Administration: including School Principal, Supervisor of Instruction, Director of Special Education, Director of Pupil Personnel, and Superintendent;

(2) School Counseling, including K-12 School Counselor, School Psychology, and Individual Intellectual Assessment Endorsement;

(3) Clinical Mental Health Counseling;

(4) Human Development and Leadership; and

(5) Gifted and Talented. All of these school-related programs are NCATE accredited. For more information on any of these programs, please contact elc@.murraystate.edu or call 270-809-2793.

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The School Counseling program at Murray State University welcomes all students interested in becoming a Mental Health Counselor who works with P-12 grade youth in a school setting. The program offers mental health training specific to working with diverse clients as well as the collaboration and leadership skills necessary to work in the school system. The American School Counseling Association National Model is emphasized as the framework for school counseling programs.

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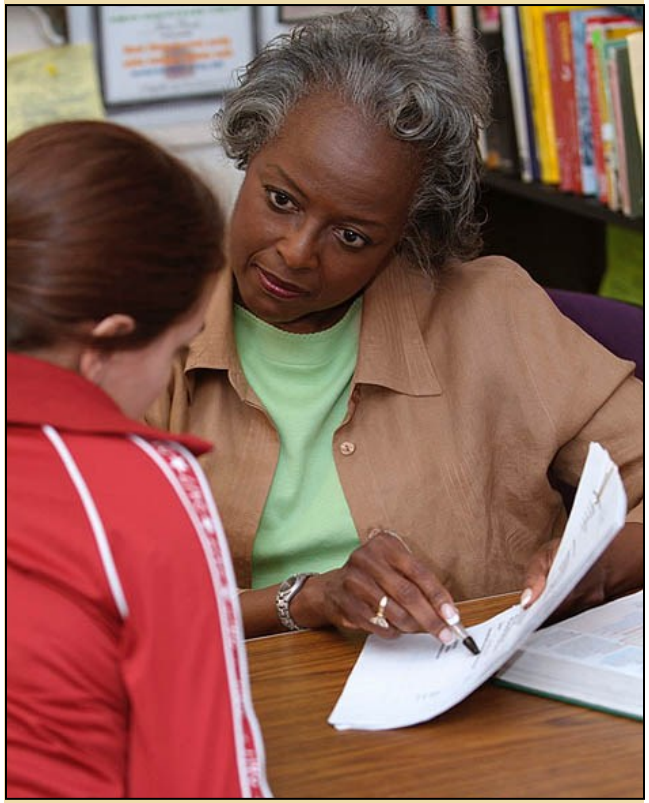
School Counseling Program

> *Master of Arts in Education*
> *Specialist in Education*



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SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

The School Counseling Program at Murray State University offers students the opportunity to earn a Master of Arts in Education
degree and a Specialist in Education degree.

The goals of the School Counseling specialization include:

1. Knowledge of developmental processes appropriate to elementary, middle and secondary school students.
2. Ability to provide effective individual and group counseling.
3. Ability for consultation and collaboration with teachers, parents, school administration and community stakeholders.
4. Ability to plan, integrate and evaluate a Comprehensive School Counseling Program that meet the needs of student academic, career and personal/social development.

Master of Arts in Education

Graduates from the Master's program meet the academic and experiential qualifications for P-12 School Counseling Provisional Certification in Kentucky. This program consists of a minimum of 48 credit hours, which includes core courses essential to all counselors. Field work includes a 150-clock-hour practicum and 600-clock-hour internship experiences.

Specialist in Education

With the completion of an approved Master's degree in school counseling, students may choose to continue their coursework to earn the Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) degree in School Counseling. An Ed.S. degree consists of 60 credit hours total (including hours from the Master's degree). This course of study may also lead to becoming a National Board Certified Counselor (NCC).
Students may fully complete Program coursework from the Murray Main Campus and the MSU-Madisonville Campus. Courses are offered in the late afternoons and evenings, with some options for online courses.

This program is part of the MSU Counseling Program. So, a primary focus is to help students develop a strong professional identity as a Mental Health Counselor who works in a school setting. In this Program, school counseling students gain the opportunity to learn and apply counseling knowledge, skills and attitudes to working with children, adolescents and school stakeholders.

Coursework

Master of Arts in Education

Total Course Requirements .....48 hours

ADM 630	Methods of Research
CNS 617	Introduction to School Counseling
CNS 619	Foundational Counseling Techniques
CNS 624	Theories of Counseling
CNS 635	Human Development
CNS 671	Multicultural Counseling
CNS 676	Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
CNS 683	Tests and Measurements
CNS 686	Career Counseling
CNS 689	Individual Testing
CNS 692	Group Counseling
CNS 720	Elementary School Counseling
CNS 725	Middle/Secondary School Counseling
CNS 790	Practicum
CNS 794	Internship I
CNS 795	Internship II

Specialist in Education in School Counseling

Total Course Requirements.....60 hours

48 credit hours transferred from MA in School Counseling, plus the following courses:

CNS 625	Legal and Ethical Issues
CNS 694	Advanced Counseling and Supervision
CNS 722	Substance Abuse and Addictions Counseling
CNS 734	Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling