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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Counsel for Accreditation for Counseling and Educational Related Programs (CACREP)

School Counseling, M.A. degree  
(Accredited for two-years through October 31, 2016)

Clinical Mental health Counseling, Ed.S. degree  
(Accredited for two-years through October 31, 2016)

Additional information is required for the following standards:  
Standard L.2.c  
Standard AA.1  
Standard AA.6

The programs were found to substantially meet the standards with some minor standard-related deficiencies for which the Board requires further information. The program is required to submit an Interim Report on the above listed standards for review by the CACREP Board prior to the accreditation expiration date.
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 (M.A.)**

Master’s program graduates 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 in a school setting.

**Coursework**

**M.A. in Education: School Counseling**

*Total Course Requirements .........................48 hours*

- ADM 630 Methods of Research
- CNS 617 Introduction to Counseling
- CNS 619 Foundational Counseling Techniques
- CNS 624 Theories of Counseling
- CNS 635 Human Development
- CNS 671 Multicultural Counseling
- CNS 676 Clinical Diagnosis & 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 (Ed.S.)**

With the completion of an approved Master’s degree in school counseling, students may choose two options to continue their coursework to earn an Ed.S. degree. The first option is an Ed.S. in School Counseling which consists of 60 credit hours total (including hours from the M.A. degree). This course of study will count towards a rank change.

The second option also builds on the 48 credit hour master’s degree in school counseling but results in an Ed.S. degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. This Ed.S. may lead towards licensure in Kentucky as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC). This option includes an additional 600 hours of internship in a clinical mental health setting as well as additional clinical mental health courses.

**Coursework**

**Ed.S. : 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 Use and Addictions Counseling
- CNS 734 Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling

**Ed.S. : Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

(may lead to Kentucky LPCC)

*Total Course Requirements .........................72 hours*

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

- CNS 618 Issues in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- CNS 625 Legal and Ethical Issues
- CNS 694 Advanced Counseling and Supervision
- CNS 722 Substance Use and Addictions Counseling
- CNS 734 Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling
- CNS 752 Trauma and Crisis Counseling
- CNS 796 Advanced Internship I
- CNS 797 Advanced Internship II