Upon successful completion of the 48-hour Masters of Arts in Education in School Counseling program, students can complete an additional 12 credit hours to earn the Specialist in Education Degree (Ed.S.) in School Counseling. Applicants holding a master’s degree that is less than 48 hours or is from another institution will undergo a transcript evaluation and may be required to take additional coursework to ensure equivalence to the current degree requirements. Students who complete this program are eligible for a rank change (Rank I).

Requirements for Admission: Admission is not based on any one factor but on a combination of the applicant's academic record, work experience, potential for becoming an effective and ethical mental health professional and the match between the program training objectives and the applicant's professional goals. Note: Admission to the program does not guarantee graduation, certification, or licensure. The following nonacademic conditions may result in dismissal if they are observed to impair the student's ability to work in class, practicum, or internship settings: 1) personal concerns, 2) interpersonal relationship problems, 3) personal attitudes or values that conflict with effective counseling relationships, and 4) unethical behavior.

COURSES* Tentative Schedule Date Completed Grade
1. CNS 617 Introduction to Counseling (3 Credit Hours)
2. CNS 619 Foundational Counseling Techniques** (3 Credit Hours)
3. CNS 624 Theories of Counseling (3 Credit Hours)
4. CNS 635 Human Development (3 Credit Hours)
5. CNS 671 Multicultural Counseling (3 Credit Hours)
6. CNS 676 Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (3 Credit Hours)
7. CNS 683 Tests and Measurements (3 Credit Hours)
8. CNS 686 Career Counseling (3 Credit Hours)
9. CNS 689 Individual Testing (3 Credit Hours)
10. CNS 692 Group Counseling (3 Credit Hours)
11. CNS 720 Elementary School Counseling (3 Credit Hours)
12. CNS 725 Middle/Secondary School Counseling (3 Credit Hours)
13. ADM 630 Methods of Research (3 Credit Hours)
14. CNS 625 Legal and Ethical Issues (3 Credit Hours)***
15. CNS 694 Advanced Counseling & Supervision (3 Credit Hours)***
16. CNS 722 Substance Use & Addictions Counseling (3 Credit Hours)***
17. CNS 734 Marriage, Couples & Family Counseling (3 Credit Hours)***

PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP COURSES
18. CNS 790 Practicum (150 Clinical Hours) (3 Credit Hours) (CNS 619 & 624 prereq)
19. CNS 794 Internship I (300 Clinical Hours) (3 Credit Hours)
20. CNS 795 Internship II (300 Clinical Hours) (3 Credit Hours)
   • Midpoint Exam (may be taken once 30 credit hours have been taken)*
   • Oral Defense (only for terminal degree)
   • Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination

* Completion of 30 credit hours & midpoint exam required for Rank Change.
** Grade of A or B must be received in CNS 619 to continue in program.
*** Courses to be added beyond Masters.

Exit Criteria: Students must successfully complete the Ed.S. School Counseling concentration courses with no more than two C's or below within the Master’s and Ed.S. coursework, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and pass the exit exam.