

School Counseling Licensure Only

This option is for applicants who already possess a master's degree in Counseling and now wish to pursue state licensure in School Counseling. This set of a minimum of 21 hours is designed to meet the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirements for licensure of school counselors. For applicants who possess a master's degree in a related field (i.e., other counseling specialty [as defined by CACREP], social work, or psychology) additional coursework may be required.

ISBE Licensure

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has approved the Department of Counselor Education to prepare candidates for the School Service Personnel Certificate with an endorsement in School Counseling. Candidates seeking this credential shall either (1) hold or be qualified to hold a teaching certificate from a regionally accredited institution, or (2) have completed the WIU or equivalent teaching competence courses:

- EIS 536 Seminar in Cognition (2 credits)
- EIS 405G Classroom Management (2 credits)
- SPED 210 Exceptional Individuals (2 credits)
- LA 578 Language Arts for Diverse Learners (3 credits)*

*The requirement for methods of reading and reading in the content area (school counseling) may be met through content in specific school counseling specialization courses. Please check with your advisor.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) also requires additional entrance requirements for the School Counseling options. For details and instructions on this admission requirement please open the following documents: [Basic Skills Test Instructions](#) and [ELIS Account Creation](#)

Admissions Criteria

In addition to the Department of Counselor Education's [requirements for admission](#), applicants for certification/licensure only must:

1. Provide evidence of a completed a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in Counseling or a related field (i.e., other counseling specialty [as defined by CACREP], social work, or psychology;
2. Provide evidence of a passing score on the [Basic Skills Test](#);
3. Meet with the Chairperson of the Department of Counselor Education PRIOR to applying.

I. Required Preparation/Prerequisite Courses (31 Hours)

Counseling Course Prerequisites*

- CN 540 Marriage, Family, and Relationship Counseling (3)
- CN 541 Lifestyles and Career Development (3)
- CN 542 Assessment Techniques in Counseling (3)
- CN 545 Counseling Theories and Applications (3)
- CN 552 Counseling/Helping in a Multicultural Society (3)
- CN 554 Counseling Across the Lifespan (3)
- CN 581 Group Counseling: Theories and Procedures (3)

*or equivalent courses

Teacher Competency Prerequisites*

EIS 536 Seminar in Cognition (2)
EIS 405G Classroom Management (2)
SPED 310 Exceptional Individuals (3)
LA 578 Language Arts for Diverse Learners (3)*

*or equivalent courses

II. School Counseling Required Courses (21 Hours)

CN 519 Crisis and Trauma Counseling (3)
CN 544 Counseling Techniques for Children and Adolescents (3)
CN 546 Developing and Managing Comprehensive School Counseling Programs (2)
CN 548 Legal and Ethical Issues for Professionals in School Counseling (1)
CN 556 Developmental Counseling (3)
CN 602 Principals of Mental Health Diagnosis & Pathology for Practitioners in School Settings (1)
CN 593 Practicum: Counseling K-12 settings (3)
CN 597 Internship K-12 settings (5)*

*Prior to enrolling in CN 597 Internship, students must submit evidence of a passing score on the [School Counseling Content Exam](#).

III. Total - minimum of 21 hours

12.14.20112
Updated 01.22.2013
Updated 04.24.2013
Updated 10.31.2013
Updated 12.17.2013