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INFORMATION FOR ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION ONLY STUDENTS

Students who are in a category as described below:

1. Western Illinois University Graduate of the Community Counseling program who seek Certification-Only School Counseling Certification
2. Certification-Only School Counseling applicant with a Masters Degree in Community Counseling from a CACREP Accredited Program
3. Certification-Only School Applicant with a Master's Degree in a Related Field
4. Certification-Only School Counseling Applicant with a Masters Degree in Community or School Counseling from a Non-CACREP Accredited Program

Any student who is identified in one of the categories above who wishes to pursue Alternative Certification must contact the Counselor Education Department to request an appropriate packet of information and application materials. These students will be asked to provide transcripts (they need not be official at this time) and possibly syllabi for completed graduate work to be considered by Counselor Education Department faculty as work relevant to state certification requirements and to identify school counseling requirements that will need to be met. Students who have not been previously accepted into the Counselor Education Department will be required to participate in a screening interview (held each Spring/Fall) and follow our regular application procedures (application to the Department as well as the School of Graduate Studies). Please call our office at 309-762-1876 for more information. Thank you.