

## Admission to the Counselor Education Department

Admission to graduate training in counseling involves acceptance by the WIU School of Graduate Studies, completion of an application packet, and participation in a screening interview.

1. Applicants should apply to the School of Graduate Studies for admission to WIU. There is a \$30 non-refundable fee required. See [www.wiu.edu/grad/](http://www.wiu.edu/grad/) and click on *Apply Online*.
2. Applicants should complete the Counselor Education Department application form and supply two letters of reference using the forms provided. See [www.wiu.edu/counselored](http://www.wiu.edu/counselored) and click on *Admission*.
3. Once the School of Graduate Studies has processed the application and the department has received the appropriate materials, a screening interview with the department Selection and Retention Committee will be scheduled. This committee determines admissibility. Screenings occur twice yearly.
4. Students must be screened prior to completing nine semester hours of counselor education courses at WIU.

NOTE: Students must complete two separate applications—one to the School of Graduate Studies and one to the Counselor Education Department.

The Selection and Retention Committee assesses candidates in three areas. Of primary concern is whether applicants will be comfortable and competent in academic endeavors. Second, a professional judgment about each applicant's personal awareness will be made. The counselor education curriculum requires students to be aware of their own affective and cognitive development and be willing to take risks and present themselves in an open manner. Third, the candidate's awareness of the needs of others and acceptance of human rights will be considered. These personal characteristics are necessary for the student to be successful in the department.

## Graduate Assistantships

Assistantships are available for full-time graduate students. Application forms can be ordered from the School of Graduate Studies, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, Illinois 61455-1390 (phone 309/298-1806).



## Western Illinois University—Quad Cities

Western Illinois University—Quad Cities is the only public university in the Quad Cities area. The campus is presently located on a 10-acre site in Moline, Illinois. In its 61,000-square-foot building Western offers 9 bachelor's degree programs, 14 post-baccalaureate certificate programs, 15 master's degree programs, and the post-master's education specialist degree. As a result of a Deere & Company donation of riverfront property, Western plans an expansion of its Quad Cities campus. This new campus along the Mississippi River will cover 20 acres. The existing 40,000-square-foot building will be renovated into classrooms and offices; eventually additional buildings will be constructed. The riverfront campus will allow Western to better meet the needs for public higher education in the Quad Cities.

Western Illinois University—Quad Cities grew from a proud tradition. The Macomb campus of Western Illinois University was established on April 24, 1899, and its classes met for the first time on September 23, 1902. Currently the University offers 53 undergraduate degree programs and 34 graduate degree programs for more than 13,000 students.

## For More Information

Please call 309/762-1876; or write to Chair, Department of Counselor Education, Western Illinois University, 3561 60th Street, Moline, Illinois 61265-5881; or fax to 309/762-6989. You may also visit us on the web at [www.wiu.edu/counselored](http://www.wiu.edu/counselored).

## WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY QUAD CITIES

# Counselor Education Department



## Offering Tracks in School Counseling Community Counseling

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## Mission Statement

*The mission of the WIU Counselor Education Department is to prepare counseling professionals. The curriculum emphasizes applied and conceptual skills; affirms diversity of values, ideas, and persons; and promotes educational excellence and ethical commitment. The faculty will provide a challenging and supportive environment, which encourages personal growth and development.*

## Graduate Training

The Department of Counselor Education offers a master of science in education degree in counseling at Western Illinois University—Quad Cities in Moline, Illinois. The counseling curriculum offers a unique blend of courses designed to provide the skills and knowledge necessary for becoming a competent counseling professional. Solid academic performance and experiential mastery are required. Students may select one of two tracks—school or community counseling.

## School Counseling

The school counseling track prepares students to become elementary and/or secondary school counselors. Public and private schools offer a diverse audience and challenging forum for certified school counselors. The department is committed to preparing school counselors well trained in the National Standards for School Counseling. Western's approved program has been preparing candidates for certification as school counselors since the 1940s. If you are seeking school counseling certification for Illinois or Iowa, contact the Department of Counselor Education for those requirements. This is the only WIU department that prepares students for school counselor certification.

## Community Counseling

The community counseling track prepares students for careers as professional counselors. Professional counselors provide counseling services at colleges, hospitals, mental health agencies, rehabilitation facilities, corporations, correctional institutions, and private practice to empower people to make positive decisions about their lives, negotiate life transitions, solve problems, and adapt to change.

## Philosophy

The Department of Counselor Education has a unique blend of courses designed to provide the skills and knowledge necessary for becoming a competent counseling professional. Emphasis on students' personal and professional growth and development permeates the entire educational process.

Instruction and experiential learning components are provided to insure that students will develop a thorough knowledge of their particular area of emphasis and their personal roles as facilitators of human growth and change. An individual style of counseling is created through a blend of academics, field experiences, and personal growth. The Department of Counselor Education is committed to recruiting and selecting students who represent our varied and pluralistic society.

## Accreditation

The counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Because of CACREP accreditation, WIU Counselor Education Department interns and graduates are automatically eligible to sit for the National Board for Certified Counselors examination and meet many of the requirements for various state licensures and certifications. The school counseling track is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and by the Illinois State Board of Education.



## Core Courses

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| EIS 500 | Methods of Research                            |
| CN 500  | Introduction to Counseling Skills and Practice |
| CN 540  | Marriage, Family, and Relationship Counseling  |
| CN 541  | Lifestyles and Career Development              |
| CN 542  | Assessment Techniques in Counseling            |
| CN 545  | Theories of Counseling and Development         |
| CN 547  | Techniques of Counseling                       |
| CN 552  | Counseling/Helping in a Multicultural Society  |
| CN 554  | Counseling Across the Lifespan                 |
| CN 581  | Group Counseling: Theories and Procedures      |
| CN 593  | Practicum: Counseling                          |
| CN 597  | Internship: Counseling                         |

## Courses Specific to the School Counseling Track

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| CN 444(G) | Counseling Children and Adolescents                              |
| CN 546    | Developing and Managing Comprehensive School Counseling Programs |
| CN 548    | Legal and Ethical Issues for Professionals in School Counseling  |
| CN 556    | Developmental Counseling   |

## Courses Specific to the Community Counseling Track

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| CN 543 | Counseling Issues in Sexuality                                     |
| CN 549 | Legal and Ethical Issues for Professionals in Community Counseling |
| CN 551 | Counseling for Addictions  |
| CN 600 | Introduction to Diagnosis and Community Counseling                 |