



Admission Requirements

- Online application.
- Bachelors degree with GPA 2.75 or better.*
- Official transcripts.
- Supplemental application.
- Writing sample.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Criminal background check.

**Students with an undergraduate GPA under 3.0 will be required to supply GRE scores.*

Program Admissions

To begin in summer or fall, all materials should be received by:

- Priority Deadline: Feb. 1
- Final Deadline: April 1**

***Applications received after April 1 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.*

To begin in spring, all materials should be received by:

- Priority Deadline: Oct. 1
- Final Deadline: Nov. 1

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NKU's dual degree in counseling combines both a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) and a Master of Arts in School Counseling. This accredited, 72-hour program prepares students to be eligible for licensure as clinical mental health counselors and certification as school counselors. Specifically, the dual-degree program equips individuals to provide counseling services to children, adolescents and adults in private practice, school districts, hospitals, community and government agencies, and other settings. Graduates possess the knowledge and skills needed to help people of all ages navigate life challenges; address academic, career, and social emotional needs; and respond to more severe interpersonal and mental health difficulties.

Both Northern Kentucky University's CMHC and School Counseling programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), ensuring students receive a quality educational experience.

The counseling curriculum at NKU meets the educational requirements for initial licensure as a professional counselor and initial certification/licensure as a school counselor in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. The CMHC curriculum also satisfies academic requirements for licensure/credentialing in 43 other states, the School Counseling curriculum 33.

Why Should I Study Counseling at NKU?

Experienced faculty: NKU's counselor educators bring significant clinical experience to the classroom, having worked in private practices, residential treatment, community agency, school and hospital settings. Nearly 85% of the mental health counseling faculty actively engage in clinical practice, providing students relevant, real-world learning experiences.

Mentorship opportunities: The program's core team of counselor educators teaches more than 95% of courses, affording students abundant opportunities to develop mentoring relationships.

Program flexibility: The counseling program accommodates both full-time and part-time students with classes typically scheduled Monday through Thursday evenings.

Student-centered placements: In preparation for practicum and internship experiences, the program's clinical coordinator assesses each student's learning needs and organizes placements with a diverse array of mental health centers and school districts in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Recent graduate employment: The program's job placement rate exceeds 90%. Graduates of our program have acquired positions at a variety of mental health agencies and school districts throughout northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, as well as other institutions across the tri-state area. These include, but are not limited to:

- Children's Home of Northern Kentucky.
- Cincinnati Public Schools.
- NorthKey Community Care.
- Boone County Schools.
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services.
- Community Mental Health Center.
- Campbell County Schools.
- Holly Hill Child & Family Solutions.
- Kenton County Schools.
- Lifeline Youth and Family Services.
- Child Focus.

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