



**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**PLAN OF STUDY - Class AA Level (Education Specialist)**  
 Department of Counselor, Leadership and Special Education  
**Traditional School Counseling ONLINE**

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COURSE	SEM HRS	GRADE	SEM/ TERM	SCHEDULE TYPE	SEMESTER OFFERED/NOTES
<b>Core Courses – 15 semester hours - 5 courses required</b>					
ECED 7600 Supervision in Counseling	3			2 <sup>nd</sup> half semester	Fall
ECED 7902 Advanced Studies in Counselor Education	3			2 <sup>nd</sup> half semester	Spring
ECED 7952 Advanced Seminar in Counseling	3			1 <sup>st</sup> half semester	Summer   Fall
ECED 6340 Counseling Children & Adolescents <i>(Required if not taken at the A level)</i>	3			Full semester	Spring
ECED 6510 School Crisis Plans <i>(Required if not taken at the A level)</i>	3			Full semester	Fall

<b>Electives – 12 semester hours – 4 courses required (See attached list of electives)</b>					
ECED 7560: Research & Evaluation in Counseling Programs <i>(Required only if the candidate wishes to pursue the EdD)</i>	3			1 <sup>st</sup> half semester	Spring
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<b>Survey of Special Education – 1 course required</b>					
ECED 6250 Cultural Issues of Families in Distress <b>OR</b> ESPE 6100 Students with Special Needs <b>OR</b> ESPE 6350 Adv. Study of Coll. & Consultation <b>OR</b> ESPE 6800 Adv. St. of Tch. Basic Math & Reading Skills to Students with Exceptionalities Other ALSDE approved "diversity" course <i>(Required if not taken at the A or B level within the last 5 years)</i>	3			Online	Fall

A minimum of 30 semester hours and an overall GPA of at least 3.0 are required for graduation.

Note: You must apply for certification through the College of Education Certification Office (Room 301 in the Education building) when you complete your program.

Counseling is a specialized profession that requires the ability to relate effectively to others and demonstrate academic competence. Because of the special nature of this program, the Counseling faculty reserves the right to making binding decisions regarding the suitability of a student's continuance in the program.

Note: The "Semester Offered" is typical only. Classes may be cancelled and the schedule may change as needed.

Approved Electives			
COURSE	SEM HRS	SCHEDULE TYPE	SEMESTER OFFERED/NOTES
ECED 7230: Spirituality in Counseling	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> half semester	Spring
ECED 7240: Suicide Prevention Intervention & Postvention	3	Full semester	Summer
ECED 7300: Grief Counseling	3	1 <sup>st</sup> half semester	Spring
ECED 7420: Early Childhood Mental Health	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> half semester	Fall
ECED 7923 Advanced Counseling Leadership	3	1 <sup>st</sup> half semester	Fall
ECED 7560 Research & Evaluation in Counseling Programs	3	1 <sup>st</sup> half semester	Spring
ECED 7926 Advanced Internship in Counseling I <i>(Required if Practicum and/or Internship was deficient at the Masters Level)</i>	3	Online or Lecture** – Full semester	Every semester
*ECED 7927 Advanced Internship in Counseling II <i>(Pre-requisite ECED 7926)</i>	3	Online or Lecture** – Full semester	Every semester
<b>Other Approved Electives:</b> <i>Note the electives below are at the Master's level and may have virtual synchronous or in-person requirements. The student should be careful in selecting them due to scheduling issues.</i>			
ECED 6130 Introduction to Play Therapy	3	Synchronous online	Fall
ECED 6140 Advanced Play Therapy	3	Synchronous online	Spring
ECED 6240 Professional Orientation to Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3	Online – Full semester	Summer
ECED 6250 Cultural Issues of Family in Distress	3	Online – Full semester	Fall
*ECED 6270 Counseling Diverse Populations	3	Online or Hybrid** – Full semester	Fall
*ECED 6260: Career Development and Vocational Assessment	3	Online or Hybrid** – Full semester	Spring
*ECED 6290 Counseling Theory & Practice II	3	Online or Hybrid** – Full semester	Spring
ECED 6340 Counseling Children & Adolescents	3	Online – Full semester	Spring
*ECED 6350 Human Growth and Development	3	Online – Full semester	Fall
ECED 6370 Addictions Counseling	3	Online – Full semester	Summer
ECED 6380 Disaster and Crisis Interventions	3	Online – 1 <sup>st</sup> half	Spring
ECED 6410 Systemic Couples and Family Counseling	3	Online – Full semester	Spring
ECED 6420: Counseling Older Adults	3	Online or Hybrid** – Full semester	Summer PRN
ECED 6430: Creative Arts in Counseling	3	Online or Hybrid** – Full semester	Summer PRN
ECED 6440: Human Sexuality and Mental Health <i>(particularly recommended if licensed or seeking licensure)</i>	3	Online – Full semester	Fall
ECED 6510 School Crisis Plans	3	Online – Full semester	Fall
*ECED 6560 Research and Evaluation in Counseling Programs (or FNDS 6610)	3	Online or Lecture** – Full semester	Fall (PRN)

\*AUM requires these courses at the master's level but other master's programs may not. Courses taken at the master's level cannot be taken again as part of the EdS program.

\*\*Students may take master's level classes in the EdS program but as an Online student you cannot take courses offered in a Hybrid or Lecture format. If hybrid or lecture courses are taken, you may lose your online discount for that semester.