

*PLAN OF STUDY* - Education Specialist  
 Department of Counselor, Leadership and Special Education **Traditional Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Non-Certification) Online**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

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COURSE	SEM HRS	GRADE	SEM/TERM	SCHEDULE TYPE	SEMESTER OFFERED/NOTES
<b>Core Courses – 9 semester hours -3 courses required</b>					
ECED 7600 Supervision in Counseling	3			Online – Full semester	Fall
ECED 7902 Advanced Studies in Counselor Education	3			Online – Full semester	Spring
ECED 7952 Seminar in Counseling	3			Online – Full	Summer/Fall
ECED 8982 Ed.S. Comprehensive Exam in Counseling	0				Every semester

**Check Point:** Minimum GPA of 3.25 required to enroll in Internship (*if required*) satisfied (Check One) Yes  No

<b>Elective Related Courses – 21 semester hours – 7 courses required</b>					
ECED 6440: Human Sexuality and Mental Health <i>(Required if not taken at the A level)</i>	3			Online – Full semester	Fall
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A minimum of 30 semester hours and an overall GPA of at least 3.0 are required for graduation. 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 wishing to enroll in practicum and internships.

**Licensure Updates:**

AUM’s Clinical Mental Health Masters Degrees currently meet all licensure (LPC) requirements. LPC applicants must have a master’s degree in counseling or equivalent that has no less than 48 hours, contains ALL required contents, and satisfies the Practicum (100 hours) and Internship (600 hours). **Older or non-AUM Degrees Note:** *Students holding older or non-AUM degrees that lack any of the above requirements may NOT add extra coursework through an EdS or other post-graduate work in order to make up for any deficiencies for licensure.*

**School Counseling Masters:** Students pursuing a master’s degree in School Counseling will be required to complete 60 hours to match the national standard for counseling licensure as an LPC. While students who have been “grandfathered” in (followed the previous School Counseling plan requiring only 51 hours) may get their Alabama LPC, they may be unable to have the LPC recognized if moving and working out-of-state. Those who are following the older plan of study requiring fewer hours may want to consider changing to the new 60 hour school counseling degree before graduating.

<b>Approved Electives</b>		
<b>COURSE</b>	<b>SCHEDULE TYPE</b>	<b>SEMESTER OFFERED/NOTES</b>
ECED 6440: Human Sexuality and Mental Health <i>(required in the EdS if not taken before)</i>	Online – Full semester	Fall
ECED 7230: Spirituality in Counseling	Online – Full semester	Spring
ECED 7240: Suicide Prevention Intervention & Postvention	Online – Full semester	Summer
ECED 7300: Grief Counseling	Online – Full semester	Spring
ECED 7420: Early Childhood Mental Health	Online – Full semester	Fall
ECED 7560: Research & Evaluation in Counseling Programs	Online – Full semester	Spring
ECED 7923: Advanced Counseling Leadership	Online – Full semester	Fall
**ECED 7926: Advanced Internship in Counseling I <i>(Pre-requisite ECED 6914, 6924 and ECED 6925 or equivalent)</i>	3	Each semester
**ECED 7927: Advanced Internship in Counseling II <i>(Pre-requisite ECED 7926)</i>	3	Each semester
<i>**Students who graduated from a master's program requiring fewer than 700 hours of practicum/internship must take the number of advanced internships required to make up the balance.</i>		
<b>Other Approved Electives</b>		
<b>COURSE</b>	<b>SCHEDULE TYPE</b>	<b>SEMESTER OFFERED/NOTES</b>
ECED 6130 Introduction to Play Therapy	Lecture #	Fall
ECED 6140 Advanced Play Therapy	Lecture #	Spring
*ECED 6240: Professional Orientation to Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Online – Full semester	Summer
ECED 6250: Cultural Issues of Family in Distress	Online – Full semester	Fall
*ECED 6260: Career Development and Vocational Assessment	Online or Lecture **– Full semester	Spring
*ECED 6270: Counseling Diverse Populations	Online or Hybrid **– Full semester	Fall
*ECED 6290: Counseling Theory & Practice II	Online or Hybrid **– Full semester	Spring
ECED 6340: Counseling Children & Adolescents	Online – Full semester	Spring
*ECED 6350: Human Growth and Development	Online – Full semester	Fall
*ECED 6370: Addictions Counseling	Online – Full semester	Summer
*ECED 6380: Disaster and Crisis Interventions	Online – 1 <sup>st</sup> half	Spring
*ECED 6410: Systemic Couples and Family Counseling	Online – Full semester	Spring
ECED 6420: Counseling Older Adults	Online	Summer PRN
ECED 6430: Creative Arts in Counseling	Online or Hybrid – Full semester	Summer PRN
ECED 6510: School Crisis Plans	Online – Full semester	Fall
*ECED 6560: Research & Evaluation in Counseling Programs (or FNDS 6610)	Online or Hybrid – Full semester	Fall (PRN)