

Admission Requirements for School Counselor Education Master's Degree Programs

I. Admission Requirements for M.Ed. Programs

- _____ Apply online for admission at aum.edu
- _____ Submit official transcripts from each college or university attended
- _____ Minimum 2.50 GPA
- _____ Admission interview
- _____ Recommendation of Counselor Education Admission Committee
- _____ Fingerprint Clearance (Students are not able to be unconditionally admitted until we have proof of fingerprint/background clearance)

II. Specific to School Counselor Applicants

- _____ Traditional Option (see attached)
- _____ CACREP/Expanded Option (see attached)

III. Portfolio Documents **(The student must submit all documents that are included in a folder, binder or via e-mail at the same time - documents will not be accepted individually.)**

The following items must be received by your Academic Advisor in the College of Education in the Graduate Studies Office by 5:00 p.m. on the posted due date. Deadlines are: December 1 for Spring admission; May 1 for Summer admission; and August 1 for Fall admission.)

- _____ Three letters of recommendation on company/school letterhead
(One must be from a current or recent supervisor. For school counselor applicants, one must be from a current supervisor or principal. For students transferring from another graduate program, one letter must be from a professor from that program.)
- _____ Resume that includes:
 - Current contact information
 - Career goals and objectives
 - Education
 - Employment history
 - Community and professional service

The above items can be mailed/dropped off to your Academic Advisor in the College of Education:

Keri McGee/Academic Advisor
College of Education | 300A
PO Box 244023
Montgomery, AL 36124-4023

Or via e-mail: kmcgee4@aum.edu

The above items must arrive to the academic advisor by 5:00p.m. on the posted due date (December 1 for Spring, May 1 for Summer, August 1 for Fall).

Applicants will be contacted to schedule the admission interview after the completed portfolio and all other documents have been submitted. If you have questions concerning the scheduling of the interview, please call (334) 244-3869.

AUM Faculty Signature _____

Keri McGee, Academic Advisor Signature _____

If you have any questions, please e-mail Dr. Hard (phard@aum.edu) or Keri McGee (kmcgee4@aum.edu)

**Traditional and CACREP Options for the
Master’s Degree Program in School Counseling at Auburn Montgomery**

	Traditional Option	CACREP Expanded Option
Admission Requirements		
Bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. institution or the equivalent from an international institution	Required	Required
Professional educator certificate: Alabama Class B certification in a teaching field or Alabama Class A certification in another area of instructional support	Required ¹	Not Required
Clear Background check	Required ²	Required
Two full years of full-time satisfactory P-12 educational experience (Exp Form)	Required	Not Required
Program Completion Requirements		
Completion of all course work with a minimum 3.25 overall GPA with no grade below C	Required for AL certification	Not required for AL certification
Passing score on Praxis II test #5421	Required	Required
Additional Certification Requirements		
Passing Score on the National Counseling Exam (NCE)	Not Required	Required ³

¹ Individuals pursuing the traditional approach to school counseling certification must have a bachelor’s- or master’s-level professional educator certificate in a teaching field or master’s level professional educator certificate in another area of instructional support.

² Individuals who hold a valid Alabama professional educator certificate have already been fingerprinted and cleared through the ABI/FBI. Individuals who do not hold a valid Alabama professional educator certificate must be fingerprinted and cleared before being admitted into the Counseling program.

³ Certification requirements may be completed within 5 years after graduation, but must be completed and documented before the college’s Certification Officer can verify to Alabama or another state that a State-approved and CACREP-accredited program has been completed at an NCATE-accredited institution. Individuals seeking certification in states other than Alabama are responsible for contacting those state certification offices regarding school counseling certification requirements.