Counselor Education Policies for Alumni & Non-degree Seeking (NDS) Students

Students who have graduated from FIU’s MS in Counselor Education and want to return to school to be able to seek certification or licensure in another area of counseling, are able to enroll as non degree seeking students to complete the requirements. Students from other programs, either inside or outside of the state of Florida, are also able to take these classes to meet certification or licensure requirements. However, only alumni of the FIU Counselor Education program will be allowed to enroll in practicum or internship experiences at FIU.

For FIU Counselor Education alumni & NDS from School or Rehabilitation Counseling Programs who want to be eligible for Clinical Mental Health Counseling, you will need to take:

- MHS 6450 Substance Abuse Counseling
- MHS 6427 Adult Psychopathology
- MHS 6470 Human Sexuality Counseling
- MHS 6411 Counsel/Consult in Community Settings
- MHS 6800 Practicum (Note: we only offer this to our alumni)

For those alumni & NDS from Clinical Mental Health or School Counseling Programs who want to be eligible for Rehabilitation Counseling, you will need to take:

- RCS 6031: Rehabilitation Counseling: Principles and Practices
- RCS 6625: Service Delivery and Case Management in Rehabilitation
- RCS 6080: Medical Aspect of Disability
- RCS 6245: Psychosocial Aspects of Disability
- RCS 6821: Supervised Field Experience in Counseling under the supervision of a faculty member with a CRC (Note: we only offer this to our alumni)

For those alumni & NDS from Clinical Mental Health or Rehabilitation Counseling Programs who want to be eligible for School Counseling, you will need to take:

- SDS 6411 Counseling Children & Adolescents
- SDS 6700 Organization and Administration of School Counseling
- SDS 5420 Counseling Students with Exceptionalities
- SDS 6800 Advanced Practicum in Counseling under the supervision of a certified school counselor (Note: we only offer this to our alumni)
- SPS 6199 Family-School Collaboration & Consultation
For School Counseling certification in Florida, you must also hold a Florida Teacher’s Certificate (which would include appropriate co-requisites and evidence of passing 3 Florida Teacher Certification (FTCE) exams: 1) General Knowledge Exam, 2) Professional Education Exam, and 3) the Subject Area Exam in Guidance and Counseling).

If you are a non-education major and want to be eligible for School Counseling, you must take additional coursework outlined below.

Co-Requisites for Non-Education Majors that want to be eligible for School Counseling

*Students who do not hold a Florida Teacher’s Certificate (or that have not taken these courses as an undergraduate student) must complete additional coursework required of the Florida Department of Education covering classroom management, general methods of teaching, TESOL, and reading.

Courses that satisfy these requirements include:

Classroom Management & General Methods of Teaching

- EDG 5414

TESOL:

- TSL 5361C TESOL for secondary teachers

Reading:

- RED 5339 Subject Related Reading

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