

School Counseling

The Department of Counseling at the University of Akron offers a Master's Degree in School Counseling. This course of study is based upon CACREP* and the Ohio Department of Education's standards. It is designed to prepare students to become effective leaders in the process of transforming school counseling under the ASCA's National Model for School Counseling Programs.

The academic foundation is built upon the eight core areas of the 2001 CACREP* Standards: professional identity, social and cultural diversity, human growth and development, career development, helping relationships, group work, assessment, and research/program evaluation. Additional coursework specific to school counseling includes foundations and contextual dimensions of school counseling, and consultation. A unique focus of the program is training future school counselors in advocacy skills to assist students and families in overcoming barriers or impediments to success in learning and development.

The clinical instruction component includes a Practicum of 100 hours of training in the Clinic for Individual and Family Counseling and an Internship of 600 hours conducted in a school setting. The clinical experience utilizes live observation, videotape and audiotape of student counseling.

- Techniques of Research
- Seminar in Counseling
- Counseling Youth At Risk
- Elementary/Secondary School Counseling
- Counseling Theory & Philosophy
- Tests & Appraisals
- Multicultural Counseling
- Career Development
- Individual and Family Development
- Techniques of Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Organization & Administration of Guidance
- Practicum
- Internship
- Developmental Characteristics of Exceptional Individuals

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