Clemson University’s Counselor Education Program educates counselors as scholar-practitioners who can effectively serve diverse populations. We prepare counselors who also seek opportunities to engage in outreach and advocacy through collaborative partnerships. The program provides opportunities for students to apply theory, research, knowledge and skills through experiential learning, with an emphasis on wellness, prevention and intervention.

Program Features

- 60-credit hour, CACREP-accredited master’s degree with specializations in clinical mental health counseling or school counseling
- 30-credit hour educational specialist degree in counselor education
- Face-to-face delivery (no online courses)
- Program requires taking courses in Clemson and Greenville
- Monday-Thursday late afternoon/evening classes
- Length of program: Two years full time, but can do part time
- 700 hours of field experience

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialization

- Participate in a generalist program that prepares students to be a counselor in a variety of settings
- Find employment working with:
  - Children and adolescents
  - Adults
  - Families
- Find employment in settings including:
  - Mental health counseling agencies
  - Behavioral health settings
  - Addiction treatment centers
  - Group homes
  - Residential treatment centers
  - Hospitals
  - Private practice

School Counseling Specialization

- Seek employment as school counselors in public and private P-12 schools
- Address students’ academic, career and social/emotional needs
- Provide services including:
  - Individual and group counseling
  - Career and college planning
  - Classroom lessons
  - Parent and teacher consultation
- Engage in data-driven practices
- Serve as leaders and advocates in schools

Application Requirements

Unofficial transcripts, two recommendation forms, essays and official TOEFL/IELTS scores (for international students only).

Application Deadline

January 15: All application materials must be submitted by the deadline in order for your application to be considered. All accepted students will have a summer entrance term.