

# SCHOOL COUNSELING



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**Are you interested in becoming a school counselor?  
Our program may be just what you're looking for!**

The School Counseling Master's program is a 48-credit hour degree program that offers flexible scheduling for working professionals! Our courses are online, face-to-face, and hybrid. We are a CAEP accredited program. Our graduates are eligible to pursue licensure as a Nationally Certified School Counselor in the state of Mississippi.

All of our fall and spring classes are online. In the summer, students take face-to-face courses that meet one day per week during the 8-week semester. Students take six credit hours (two classes) each semester - our program can be completed in eight semesters. We have two required field experiences: a one-semester Practicum and a full academic year Internship. Many teachers complete their field experiences at the school where they are employed!

The program focuses on the integration of theory, research and experiential learning. We highlight a counselor-first identity, building comprehensive school counseling programs with emphasis on school counselor leadership, critical thinking skills, and the connection between research and practice. Students are equipped with knowledge and skills necessary to promote academic and social/emotional success. Students are trained to serve as effective advocates for Pre-K – 12 students and their families.

Admission materials required:

1. USM Graduate School Application
2. College transcripts
3. Test Scores – we accept any of the following: GRE, Praxis II, or Mississippi passing scores on the Core Praxis
4. Personal Letter of Intent – two to three page essay telling about yourself and your interest in our degree
5. Three Professional Reference Letters
6. Professional Resume / Curriculum Vita

**Our Summer 2019 application deadline is May 15, 2019.**

For more information about the program, contact:

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