SCHOOL COUNSELING, M.S.Ed.

Welcome to the Department of Counseling & School Psychology at UNK! We are excited that you are interested in a career in School Counseling. The program is designed to prepare dynamic, experienced teachers for employment as counselors in elementary, middle/junior and high school. Graduates of the program are prepared to:

- Know the role and function of a school counselor.
- Understand diversity within the school environment and recognize the needs of children from special populations.
- Be familiar with the legislation and policies relevant to school counseling.
- Understand the legal and ethical issues of the school counseling profession.
- Implement the Nebraska Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program Model.
- Organize their work schedules around the following basic interventions:
  - Individual counseling
  - Small group counseling
  - Large group guidance
  - Consultation for parents, families & school personnel
  - Student advocacy
  - Referrals
  - Career exploration

ACCREDITATION & CERTIFICATION

The UNK School Counseling Program is nationally accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), ensuring the highest educational and professionals standards. The program meets academic requirements for elementary school counselor (PK-6) or secondary school counselor (7-12) endorsement by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

We are looking forward to learning more about you and your interest in School Counseling. The faculty would be glad to talk with you about the Counseling program and profession. Come learn with us!

For detailed information about the School Counseling program and department admission procedures visit our website: aaunk.unk.edu/gradcatalogs/current/prog/progcsp.asp

Contact us now:
Check out the CSP-UNK Facebook group facebook.com/unkcsp
online: unk.edu/csp
Call us at 1-800-Kearney

TO APPLY

To apply, please visit Graduate Admissions on the UNK website:
unk.edu/academics/gradstudies/Graduate_Studies___Research/
or email Dr. Grace A. Mims, CSP Department Chair mimsga@unk.edu

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DEPARTMENT STRENGTHS

- Our Students – we attract outstanding graduate students.
- Our Faculty:
  - Licensed and certified faculty with clinical experience in mental health agencies, private practice, in-patient, and out-patient mental health programs, schools, and college student affairs.
  - Nationally and internationally renowned faculty members offer a wide range of interests and expertise.
  - Commitment to professional and personal development of students.
  - Foster and mentor student involvement in professional associations, membership, leadership, presentations, and publications.
- Accredited by the National Council For Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) for School Counselor Endorsements at PK-6 and 7-12 levels.
- State of the art, on-site clinic for counselor training that involves client sessions, live and post hoc supervision, reflecting teams, and field-based experiences.
- Flexible course scheduling to accommodate students who are employed full-time including evening, blended, on-line and video conferencing courses.
- Active chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, the international counseling honorary society.
- Successful history of career placement of interns and graduates.

SCHOOL COUNSELING COURSEWORK

The School Counseling program is a 43-hour Master of Science in Education, most of which can be taken in the summer with the remainder of the course offered late afternoon, evening, blended, on-line or video conferencing. The theoretical and clinical issues you would study while training to be a school counselor are:

- Ethical and Legal Issues in School Counseling *
- Techniques of Counseling
- Multicultural Counseling
- Theories of Counseling
- School Counseling Organization & Practice *
- Group Counseling
- Marriage and Family Counseling
- Appraisal & Evaluation of Individuals & Systems *
- Practicum in School Counseling
- Internship in School Counseling (at school site)
- Research Methods in Psychology & Education
- Problem Solving Consultation*
- Career and Lifestyle Development*
- Child & Adolescent Development & Interventions*
- Seminar in School Counseling*
- Optional Coursework:
  - Alcohol and Drug Counseling
  - Counseling & Mental Disorders
  - Introduction to Counseling

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Graduate students at UNK are eligible to apply for the Stafford Student Loan and the Federal Work Study Programs.
- Scholarships are also available to graduate students.
- Graduate assistantships providing ten-month stipends are available on a competitive basis to candidates admitted to a graduate program.

THE GRADUATE FACULTY

The UNK Counseling and School Psychology Department offers experienced faculty with outstanding professional records fully engaged in professional development through research, teaching, clinical supervision, clinical practice, and service. The faculty is committed to preparing ethically and culturally competent professional counselors.

- Carmelo Callueng, Ph.D., NCSP
  Graduate Lecturer
  Special Interests: Temperament of children cross-nationally, Psychological Measurement, Cross-cultural Research
  Methodology, Adaptive Behavior, School-based Mental Health Services

- Christine Chasek, Ph.D., LIMHP, LIPC, LADC
  Assistant Professor
  Special Interests: Addiction Counseling, Research Design, Statistics, Clinical Supervision

- Julie A. Dinsmore, Ed.D., LIMHP, LPC, NCC, NE K-12 Certified School Counselor
  Professor
  Special Interests: Multicultural Counseling, Advocacy, Systemic Change Related to Diversity, School Counseling

- David D. Hof, Ed.D., LIMHP, LPC, NCC
  Professor
  Special Interests: Career Counseling, Accreditation Process, Counseling High Risk Adolescents, Sex Offender Counseling, Disaster Mental Health

- Max McFarland, Ed. D., NCSP
  Professor
  Special Interests: Internationalization of School Psychology, Accreditation, K-12 Standards and Accountability Framework, Professional Ethics

- Grace Ann Mims, Ph.D., LIMHP, LPC, LMFT-SD, NCC, ACS
  Professor, Department Chair
  Special Interests: Couples and Family Counseling, Group Counseling, Multicultural Counseling, Professional Counseling Ethics and Regulation, Women’s Issues

- Matthew Mims, Ed.D., LIMHP, LPC, NCC, NE K-12 Certified School Counselor
  Associate Professor, Counselor Education Program Chair
  Special Interests: School/Career Counseling, Student Affairs, Advocacy/Multicultural Counseling

- Tammi Ohmstede, Ph.D., NCSP
  Associate Professor, School Psychology Program Chair
  Special Interests: Early Childhood Service Delivery, Behavioral Parent Training, Parent/Teacher Consultation, Data-Based Decision Making

- Douglas Tillman, Ph.D., LIMHP, LPC, NCC
  Assistant Professor
  Special Interests: Spirituality, Theories of Counseling, Clinical Supervision, Multicultural Counseling, Group Counseling