

Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology (CECP)

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Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology website (<http://www.marquette.edu/education/grad/cecp.shtml>)

Degrees Offered

Master of Arts; Master of Science; Doctor of Philosophy

Program Overview

The College of Education is made up of two departments: Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology (CECP) and Educational Policy and Leadership (EDPL).

The Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology offers programs that prepare graduate students to assume leadership roles in the areas of study provided by its programs and specializations. The department offers a master of science degree program in clinical mental health counseling, a doctor of philosophy degree program in counseling psychology, and a master of arts degree program in school counseling.

While Marquette University is concerned about the professional advancement of its students, facilitates the process of certification and provides excellent educational opportunities, it cautions that professional success in a chosen field requires, above all else, constant development of individual abilities, personal initiative and a professional sense of responsibility for fulfilling all one's appropriate legal, ethical and other professional responsibilities. Hence, the university facilitates the licensure process for students pursuing careers in education and other human service fields, but students must also take responsibility for meeting all the requirements for licensure or certification in their chosen fields.

Prerequisites for Admission

Applicants to all graduate programs in the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology should have graduated with, or be about to graduate with, a bachelor's or a master's degree from an accredited institution appropriate to their chosen field of graduate study. Students applying to a doctoral program without a master's degree must complete prerequisite master's courses as part of their doctoral program requirements.

The following courses are prerequisite courses for graduate study for all programs in the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology: introduction to psychology, introduction to statistics, research methods in behavioral sciences, abnormal psychology, human development, and multicultural/diversity. In addition, all programs require experience in human service (field work, service learning, volunteering or employment).

Applicants not meeting all prerequisites may still be considered for admission but should contact the department to discuss alternate plans for meeting the requirements prior to starting the program.

Application Deadlines

Students are admitted to the department in the spring term to begin their programs the following fall. To be considered for admission, all application requirements must be completed and received in the Graduate School by the deadlines listed below:

Dec. 1 - For admission to the doctoral program in counseling psychology.

Feb. 1 - For admission to the master's programs in clinical mental health counseling and in school counseling.

Students admitted to these programs are not permitted to defer admission.

Application Requirements

Applicants, regardless of program, must submit, directly to the Graduate School:

1. A completed application form and fee online (http://marquette.edu/grad/future_apply.shtml).
2. Copies of all college/university transcripts except Marquette.¹
3. Three letters of recommendation along with recommendation forms.
4. A statement of purpose. (See department website (<http://www.marquette.edu/education/grad/cecp.shtml>) for instruction.)
5. A resume/vita.
6. GRE scores (General Test only).
7. (For international applicants only) a TOEFL score or other acceptable proof of English proficiency.

See department website (<http://www.marquette.edu/education/grad/cecp.shtml>) for more details.

After all applications are reviewed, the highest ranking applicants will be contacted for an interview with the faculty. This is required for admission. International applicants residing in foreign countries and applicants with extenuating circumstances may conduct their interviews over the phone.

- ¹ Upon admission, final official transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities, with certified English translations if original language is not English, must be submitted to the Graduate School within the first five weeks of the term of admission or a hold preventing registration for future terms will be placed on the student's record.