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, although 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. Many students accepted into the doctoral program have already completed a master’s degree in counseling or counseling psychology. Students applying to a doctoral program without a master’s degree must complete prerequisite master’s courses as part of their doctoral program requirements.

While there are no course prerequisite requirements for CECP graduate programs, we highly recommend that students obtain experience in a human service setting (e.g., fieldwork, volunteering or employment) to discern if the field is a good fit for their long-term professional goals.

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 priority admission to the master’s programs in clinical mental health counseling (CMHC) and in school counseling (SCCN). After February 1, admissions are handled on a rolling basis until the Monday prior to the beginning of fall semester classes.

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 online (http://marquette.edu/grad/future_apply.shtml) application form and fee.
2. Copies of all college/university transcripts except Marquette.
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. (For counseling psychology doctorate applicants only) GRE scores. (GRE scores are optional for the master’s programs in clinical mental health counseling and school counseling.)
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 are 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.

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.

Courses

CECP 6995. Independent Study in Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology. 1-3 cr. hrs.
Provides opportunities to investigate and study areas of interest through readings, research, field experience, projects, and/or other educational activities under the direction of a faculty adviser. Normally on advanced or specialized topics that are not covered by regularly offered courses. Prereq: Cons. of instr. and cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 8999. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-12 cr. hrs.
S/U grade assessment. Prereq: Cons. of instr. and cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9970. Graduate Standing Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as less than half-time status only, cannot be used in conjunction with other courses, and does not qualify students for financial aid or loan deferment. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9974. Graduate Fellowship: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9975. Graduate Assistant Teaching: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9976. Graduate Assistant Research: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Designated as full-time status. If a student is already registered in other courses full time, this continuation course is not needed. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9977. Field Placement Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week at their field placement. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9978. Field Placement Continuation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of half-time status. Requires that the student is working more than 12 to less than 20 hours per week at their field placement. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9979. Field Placement Continuation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of full-time status. Requires that the student is working 20 hours or more per week at their field placement. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9997. Doctoral Dissertation Continuation: Less than Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of less than half-time status. Requires that the student is working less than 12 hours per week on their doctoral dissertation. All 12 dissertation credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Doctoral Dissertation Continuation. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9998. Doctoral Dissertation Continuation: Half-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of half-time status. Requires that the student is working more than 12 to less than 20 hours per week on their doctoral dissertation. All 12 dissertation credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Doctoral Dissertation Continuation. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.

CECP 9999. Doctoral Dissertation Continuation: Full-Time. 0 cr. hrs.
Fee. SNC/UNC grade assessment. Allows a student to be considered the equivalent of full-time status. Requires that the student is working 20 hours or more per week on their doctoral dissertation. All 12 dissertation credits required for the degree should be completed before registering for non-credit Doctoral Dissertation Continuation. Prereq: Cons. of dept. ch.