

University of La Verne

Master of Science in Educational Counseling with Pupil Personnel Credential

Duration: 24-27 months; 1-night-a-week classes; 1 class = half-time; 2 classes = full-time.

Costs: Tuition \$595 per unit; Academic Services Fee \$20 per course; Application Fee \$50; Grad Fee \$110.

Units: 48 units including 600 hours of field work. This program prepares qualified students to become professional school counselors in grades K-12. It has been approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to recommend qualified candidates for the Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Counseling, including the Intern Credential. The M.S. in Educational Counseling also qualifies candidates to serve as Community College Counselors

Estimated Courses: 18 courses

Admissions Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a preferred GPA of 2.75 or above in undergraduate work and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above for any graduate work
- An undergraduate major in one of the behavioral sciences; or a valid teaching credential with a minimum of one year of full-time classroom teaching experience; or successful coursework or experience demonstrating knowledge in the areas of general psychology, human learning and development and human behavior
- A statement of purpose outlining reasons for seeking admission together with an autobiography
- Applicants without prior teaching experience are strongly encouraged to have a least one year of experience working with children or adolescents. This experience should be described in the statement of purpose and autobiography
- Three letters of reference addressing the applicants potential as a school counselor including one from the immediate supervisor
- An interview with the program chair or designee
- Application for Certificate of Clearance or valid California Teaching Credential
- A signed College of Education and Organizational Leadership Dispositions Agreement Form

Additional Requirements

- For candidates seeking the Pupil Personnel Services Credential CBEST score card upon admission and pass card prior to registration for EDUC583B
- Demonstrated personal suitability for the education counseling profession before entering EDUC583A
- A Certificate of Clearance or a valid California Teaching Credential before registering for EDUC583A
- A course or other demonstration of competence in work processing, database management, computer presentation, internet skills, and email. This requirement must be satisfied before advancement to candidacy.

Course Requirements - 45 semester hours

EDUC 501 Educational Assessment
EDUC 503 Educational Psychology
EDUC 504 Methods of Research
EDUC 543 School Guidance Seminar
EDUC 546 Introduction to School Counseling
EDUC 549 School Counseling Theories
EDUC 550 Human Development
EDUC 564 Instruction and Achievement
EDUC 565 Career Development
EDUC 567 School Safety & Crisis Prevention
EDUC 571 Individual Counseling Skills
EDUC 572 Group Counseling Skills
EDUC 573 Counseling Diverse Populations
EDUC 574 Facilitating/Consultation Skills
EDUC 583A Supervised Field Work Level I
EDUC 583B Supervised Field Work Level II
EDUC 576 Organizational Management and School/Community Collaboration

Culminating Activity:

3 Semester Hours
EDUC 597 Graduate Seminar in School Counseling