



William & Mary
School of Education

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Become an advocate for students.

The M.Ed. in Counseling with a concentration in School Counseling prepares its graduates to be effective, collaborative and community-minded leaders ready to assume positions as counselors in elementary, middle and high schools. Our comprehensive and balanced program emphasizes social justice, preparing students to become advocates and to facilitate evidence-based and data-driven school counseling services.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: People interested in becoming licensed school counselors

Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree

Course requirements: Full-time, on-campus or part-time online programs available

Entry term: Fall

Fieldwork: 150-hour practicum and two 300-hour internships

Accreditation: Accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

FIELD EXPERIENCES

Practical experience working directly with students is an integral part of the School Counseling program. Students complete a 150-hour practicum followed by two 300-hour internships. Each clinical placement is in a different school, level and district to provide a broad and diverse range of experiences working with students. All school counseling interns also organize and submit a portfolio prior to graduation.

Master's students could become involved with Project Empower, a community-engaged collaboration between the School of Education and a local public school district to provide support services that address the interpersonal, emotional and academic needs of students.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Theories of counseling and psychotherapy
- Group theory and techniques
- Professional, ethical and legal issues
- Career development
- Multicultural counseling
- Prevention and intervention in public schools
- Supervised practicum in counseling
- Human growth and development
- Research methods in education
- Psychopathology
- Substance abuse and society
- Theories and strategies for counseling children
- Trends and legal issues for special populations
- Psychological and educational measurement
- Marriage and family counseling
- Supervised internships in school counseling

Students complete a total of 60 credit hours of classroom coursework and clinical experiences, building skills and confidence.

LEARN MORE

View the program of study
at education.wm.edu/space

Questions about applying?
Contact graded@wm.edu





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SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELOR EDUCATION

In today's ever-changing world, there is an increased need for counselors and school psychologists who can guide others through personal and interpersonal growth during all phases of life focusing on emotional, social, vocational, educational, developmental and mental health concerns.

William & Mary's department of School Psychology & Counselor Education is preparing tomorrow's leaders by providing degree programs that offer rigorous curriculum, innovative research on current trends and hands-on experience. Through the integration of theory, research and practice, and with sensitivity to multicultural concerns, students learn to help others improve their well-being, alleviate distress and resolve crises.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

ON-CAMPUS:

M.Ed. Counseling – Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Optional concentrations:

Addictions Counseling

Relationship, Marriage & Family Counseling

Military & Veterans Counseling

M.Ed. Counseling – School Counseling

M.Ed./Ed.S. – School Psychology

Ph.D. – Counselor Education

ONLINE:

M.Ed. Counseling – Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Optional specialization:

Military & Veterans Counseling

M.Ed. Counseling – School Counseling

APPLY NOW

Application deadlines vary by program.

Find full details about applying online at education.wm.edu/admissions

WHY W&M?

Looking to pursue a graduate degree in education? Here are a few reasons to consider W&M:

A welcoming and supportive community

The School of Education is big enough to offer a diverse range of programs, people and experiences, but small enough to feel like family. You'll make close connections with your fellow students and your professors — relationships that will stay with you for life and help you forge your own career path.

A focus on leadership in education

Our programs produce leaders — people with the passion, skills and tenacity to effect change in education. Our alumni achieve early recognition, becoming school leaders and innovators.

A campus in the heart of historic Williamsburg

Founded in 1693, W&M is a campus that offers years of history and countless beloved traditions.

Professors who are leaders in the field

Our faculty are recognized and respected around the world for instruction and research. They're passionate about their own research as well as the success of their students — they are, after all, teachers first and foremost.

Field experiences that will change your life

You won't be stuck in lectures and you won't have to wait until after graduation to begin making a difference in the lives of students and communities. Opportunities abound to pursue meaningful, fulfilling experiences that allow students to both learn and contribute.

Programs for students at every career stage

Our graduate programs are designed to meet the needs of a diverse student population that includes full-time and part-time students, people re-entering the paid work force after raising a family, and recent recipients of bachelor's or master's degrees preparing for advanced positions in the field of education.