PH.D. COUNSELOR EDUCATION

Become a leader in the field of counseling.

Become an educator and a leader in the field of counseling through William & Mary’s Ph.D. in Counselor Education. Develop your own line of research and contribute new knowledge to the field. Benefit from a renowned and committed faculty who are dedicated to your success. Create your own specialization in the area of your choosing to personalize your degree program. Our close-knit, high-quality doctoral program creates leaders who are sought by universities and organizations across the country.

FAST FACTS

**Designed for:** Counselors and others with experience in the field interested in becoming university faculty, researchers and leaders of community and national organizations

**Prerequisite:** Master’s degree in counseling, foundations in educational research

**Course requirements:** Full-time or part-time on-campus program consisting of 66 credits

**Fieldwork:** 100-hour doctoral practicum and 600-hour doctoral internship

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

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

**YEAR ONE (21 credits)**
- Advanced theories of counseling
- Theory of counselor supervision
- Qualitative research methods
- Internship in counselor supervision
- Advanced multiculturalism and social justice theory and practice

**YEAR TWO (18 credits)**
- Statistics in education
- Doctoral seminar in counseling
- Research in counselor education
- Doctoral practicum

**YEAR THREE (15 credits)**
- Doctoral internship
- Dissertation

**COGNATE (12 credits)**
Students also develop an area of professional expertise through a 12 credit hour cognate in an area of the student’s choosing (e.g., multicultural counseling or substance abuse counseling)

CULMINATING EXPERIENCES

In addition to foundational coursework in research and counselor education and supervision, students customize their program through selection of a cognate and development of dissertation research. There is also a strong emphasis on applied practice, including:

- Opportunities for counselor supervision and administrative leadership roles through the New Horizons Family Counseling Center and the New Leaf Clinic, both housed in the School of Education and providing local clients with counseling services by master’s and doctoral students.
- The doctoral practicum and doctoral internship, typically undertaken in the second and third years, which include formal supervised experiences in a singular focus or a combination of teaching, supervision and counseling.

LEARN MORE

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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
With just over 650 students, 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
Study at a campus that offers more than 300 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 a lecture hall 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.