COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (PH.D.)

Admissions

The program actively seeks students who have demonstrated an ability to excel academically, are dedicated to developing their research and clinical competence, and whose primary professional goal is to work in an applied clinical, research, or academic setting within the field of psychology. Students gain the expertise to enter professional practice as psychologists and independent researchers through coursework and extensive supervised experience.

Applicants seeking admission to the Ph.D. program in counseling psychology must meet the general requirements for admission to graduate study in the Graduate School of Education and these program-specific admission criteria:

• have an earned baccalaureate from an accredited college or university;
• have academic and professional goals consistent with the objectives and purposes of the program;
• show evidence of professional promise (personal, interpersonal, and intellectual characteristics appropriate to the profession and the ability to communicate effectively). Such evidence may be contained in the student’s application for admission or be sought in an interview with the program faculty;
• have earned a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 (B or better) or a minimum graduate grade point average of 3.5 (B+ or better);
• provide a minimum of two reference reports;
• have earned satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Exam Aptitude Section (test scores must be less than five years old);
• demonstrate satisfactory command of oral and written English; and
• provide proof of immunization against measles, mumps, meningitis, and rubella.