

# Master of Science in School Counseling

This program provides students with theoretical knowledge and training based on standards determined by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Graduates are prepared to be effective school counselors who serve student and families in public and private school communities. By completing extra electives, students may earn an additional certification as a School Psychological Examiner in Missouri. Completion of coursework satisfies specific requirements for a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Missouri.

Evangel University's Master of Science degree in School Counseling prepares graduates for certification within the State of Missouri. Requirements may differ from state to state. Consult professional requirements within a state of planned practice.

## Degree Pathways

Students in this degree program will choose one of two certification pathways: the School Counseling Certification or the School Counseling Certification with additional School Psychological Examiner Certification.

### **School Counseling Certification Pathway**

This pathway consists of 60 total credit hours for students with teacher certification or 69 credit hours for those without teacher certification.

### **School Counseling Certification with Additional School Psychological Examiner Certification (SPEC) Pathway**

Three additional courses are required for the SPEC Pathway: COU 611 Intelligence Testing, COU 613 Diagnostic Assessment, and COU 695 SPEC Practicum.

Students with teaching certification are not required to take COU 504 The Exceptional Student and COU 582 Classroom Management courses. Instead, they take COU 611 and COU 613 to replace those six credits, and then the COU 695 SPEC Practicum for a total of 63 credit hours.

Students without teaching certification take 69 credits with the SPEC.

Upon completion of their SPEC certification requirements, graduates may work as psychological examiners or diagnosticians in school settings working with special education, gifted education, and other specialized programs requiring assessments.

Non-degree seeking students who have a teaching or student services certificate in addition to a master degree in Counseling Psychology, Educational Psychology, School Counseling, or Education, also may seek certification as a school psychological examiner pending transcript reviews.

**Program:** Graduate Counseling Programs

**Type:** Master of Science

# Master of Science in School Counseling Degree Requirements

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Electives to satisfy school psychological examiner coursework are not included in the total 60 credits below.

In addition, the below courses COU 504 and COU 582 may be replaced by an elective course.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
COU 500	School Counseling Curriculum	3
COU 503	Human Growth and Development	3
COU 504	The Exceptional Student	3
COU 506	Psychodiagnostics	3
COU 507	Research Methods	3
COU 509	School Counseling Foundations	3
COU 512	Professional Relationships in School, Family, and Community	3
COU 521	Professional Orientation and Ethics	3
COU 526	Counseling Theories	3
COU 523	Counseling Skills	2
COU 523	Counseling Skills Lab	1
COU 534	Integration of Christianity and the Counseling Profession	2
COU 582	Classroom Management	3
COU 590	School Counseling Practicum	3
COU 604	Career Counseling	3
COU 610	Assessment	3
COU 625	Group Counseling	2
COU 625	Group Counseling Lab	1
COU 627	Social and Cultural Diversity	3
COU 632	Psychology of Education	3
COU 697	School Counseling Professional Capstone	1
COU 591	School Counseling Internship I	3
COU 592	School Counseling Internship II	3
<b>Total credits:</b>		<b>60</b>