



Admission Requirements

- Online application.
- Bachelors degree with GPA 2.75 or better.
- Supplemental application.
- Writing sample.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Criminal background check.

Program Admissions

- Priority Deadline: Feb. 1
- Final Deadline: April 1**

- Priority Deadline: Oct. 1
- Final Deadline: Nov. 1

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NKU's dual degree in counseling combines both a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) and a Master of Arts in School Counseling. This accredited, 72-hour program prepares students to be eligible for licensure as clinical mental health counselors. Graduates are equipped to provide counseling services to children, adolescents and adults in private practice, school districts, hospitals, community and government agencies, and other settings. Graduates possess the knowledge and skills needed to help people of all ages navigate life challenges; address academic, career, and social emotional needs; and respond to crisis situations.

Both Northern Kentucky University's CMHC and School Counseling programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), ensuring students receive a quality educational experience.

The counseling curriculum at NKU meets the educational requirements for initial licensure as a professional counselor in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.

The program's core team of counselor educators teaches more than 95% of courses, affording students abundant opportunities to develop mentoring relationships.

The counseling program accommodates both full-time and part-time students with classes typically scheduled Monday through Thursday evenings.

In preparation for practicum and internship experiences, the program's clinical coordinator assesses each student's learning needs and organizes placements with a diverse array of mental health centers and school districts in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

The program's job placement rate exceeds 90%. Graduates of our program have acquired positions at a variety of mental health agencies and school districts throughout northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, as well as other institutions across the tri-state area. These include, but are not limited to:

- Children's Home of Northern Kentucky.
- Cincinnati Public Schools.
- NorthKey Community Care.
- Boone County Schools.
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services.
- Community Mental Health Center.