

## How do I apply to the program?

It is highly recommended that you submit the application and all application materials in one packet to:

Niagara University  
Graduate Education Intake Office  
O'Shea Hall, B-11  
Niagara University, N.Y. 14109-1930  
Phone: 716-286-8336 • Fax: 716-286-8324

1. Niagara University graduate education application.
2. \$30 application fee.
3. Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes with the referee's signature across the seal.
4. Official transcripts of all colleges and universities attended in sealed institution envelope.
5. Statement of Intent. Two-page, double-spaced, typewritten statement discussing your philosophy of education, professional goals, objectives, strengths and weaknesses.
6. Graduate Records Examination (General Test Score) or Miller Analogy Test. Test scores may follow application packet. Please submit scores when you receive them. *Niagara University graduates with a final (or last two years of course work) GPA 3.0 or above are not required to take the GRE/MAT.*

(For students whose language is not English, scores on the TOEFL are required.)

[www.niagara.edu/advance](http://www.niagara.edu/advance)

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# Master of Science in Education

## School Counseling



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## Course Requirements

### M.S. in Education (M.S. Ed.) School Counseling Provisional NYS Certification

- EDU 595 Educational Research and Statistics (3)\*
- EDU 659 Personal Growth and Awareness (3)
- EDU 651 Introduction to Counseling (3)\*
- EDU 652 Multicultural Counseling (3)
- EDU 654 Counseling Theory and Techniques (3)
- EDU 655 Human Development Across Life Span (3)
- EDU 658 The Counseling Process (3)\*
- EDU 617 Group Dynamics (3)\*
- EDU 657 Measurement and Appraisal  
for Counselors (3)\*\*
- EDU 664 Career Counseling and Development (3)\*\*
- EDU 676 School Counseling Practicum (3)
- EDU 677 School Counseling Internship (3)\*\*

**Grand Total: 36 credit hours**

\*Canadian students can qualify for part I of the Ontario specialist in guidance by completing the courses starred once and part II by completing the courses starred twice.

### Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) in School Counseling

Fulfills academic requirements for permanent NYS certification. Two additional years working as a school counselor is also required for certification.

- EDU 662 Organization & Administration of the  
Guidance Program (3)
- EDU 666 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- EDU 668 Family Counseling (3)
- EDU 669 Group Theory & Application (3)
- EDU 674 The Counselor as a Consultant (3)
- EDU 678 Advanced Practicum (3)

Plus two elective courses (six credit hours)

## Frequently Asked Questions ...

### What is school counseling?

Niagara University's school counseling program educates graduate students to become school counselors at the elementary, middle or secondary level. Through intensive course study and field work, students are prepared to create and work within comprehensive and developmental school counseling programs, which focus on the needs of all students in three areas of development: academic, career and personal/social.

Once referred to as guidance counselors, school counselors at the elementary, middle or secondary level are professional counselors who understand and respond to the challenges presented by today's diverse student population.

### How long will it take to complete the program of study?

Students can complete the M.S. degree programs in education in two years by taking courses in the fall, spring and summer sessions.

### What is the advisement process?

Students will be assigned a faculty adviser upon completion of the application for admission. Students should meet with the assigned adviser prior to beginning their program of study and periodically thereafter.

### What are the requirements for graduation?

Students must maintain a B average in course work and successfully complete a comprehensive examination.

### Is financial aid available?

Yes. If you are a matriculated (accepted) student you may qualify for a Stafford Student Loan, a Federal Perkins Loan, a TAP award (New York state residents) or an OSAP Loan (Canadians).



## New York State Certification

The master of science degree in education is approved by the New York State Department of Education and is designed for persons seeking provisional and permanent certification in school counseling. Provisional certification can be obtained after completing 30 hours including the practicum and internship or upon graduation with the master's degree (36 hours; M.S.Ed.). Permanent certification can be obtained after completion of 24 additional hours in the certificate of advanced studies program (CAS), for a total of 60 credit hours, along with two years of work experience as a counselor in the schools. The CAS program (with additional work experience) also qualifies students to apply for national certification as a professional counselor (NCC) and as a professional school counselor (NSC).

## Accreditation

The master of science degree at Niagara University is registered with the New York State Department of Education and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.