

School Counseling Program Course Sequence (24 & 36 months; full- and part-time; 48 and 60 credits)

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (M.S. ED.)

*Required sequence

60 Credit-Hours	48 Credit-Hours	
<i>24-Month Course Sequence for Full-time Students</i>	<i>24-Month Course Sequence for Full-time Students</i>	<i>36-Month Course Sequence for Part-time Students</i>
<p><u>Fall First Year</u> EDU 536C Human Learning, Development and Motivation *EDU 651 Introduction to Counseling *EDU 653C Foundations and Ethics in School Counseling *EDU 654 Counseling Theory and Practice</p> <p><u>Spring First Year</u> EDU 539C Characteristics of Students w/ Exceptional Needs *EDU 658 Advanced Counseling Techniques -Prerequisites: EDU 651, 654 *EDU 664 Career Counseling and Planning *EDU 676 School Counseling Practicum -Prerequisites: EDU 651, 654, 654</p> <p><u>Summer First Year</u> *EDU 668 Couples & Family Counseling EDU 803 Counseling and Behavior Therapy for Children</p> <p><u>Fall Second Year</u> *EDU 662 Organization & Admin. of the S.C. Program -Prerequisites: EDU 651, 653, 654, 676</p>	<p><u>Fall First Year</u> EDU 536C Human Learning, Development and Motivation *EDU 651 Introduction to Counseling *EDU 653C Foundations and Ethics in School Counseling *EDU 654 Counseling Theory and Practice</p> <p><u>Spring First Year</u> EDU 539C Characteristics of Students w/ Exceptional Needs *EDU 658 Advanced Counseling Techniques -Prerequisites: EDU 651, 654 *EDU 664 Career Counseling and Planning *EDU 676 School Counseling Practicum -Prerequisites: EDU 651, 654, 654</p> <p><u>Fall Second Year</u> *EDU 662 Organization & Admin. of the S.C. Program -Prerequisites: EDU 651, 653, 654, 676 *EDU 595C Education Research and Statistics *EDU 677 School Counseling Internship I -Prerequisites: EDU 651, 653, 654, 658, 676</p>	<p><u>Fall First Year</u> EDU 653C Foundations and Ethics in School Counseling EDU 651 Introduction to Counseling</p> <p><u>Spring First Year</u> EDU 539C Characteristics of Students w/ Exceptional Needs EDU 664 Career Counseling and Planning</p> <p><u>Summer First Year</u> EDU 652 Multicultural Counseling EDU 595C Education Research and Statistics</p> <p><u>Fall Second Year</u> EDU 536C Human Learning, Development and Motivation EDU 654 Counseling Theory and Practice</p> <p><u>Spring Second Year</u> EDU 658 Advanced Counseling Techniques -Prerequisites: EDU 651, 654 EDU 676 School Counseling Practicum -Prerequisites: EDU 651, 654, 654</p>

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*EDU 677 School Counseling Internship I
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EDU 668 Couples & Family Counseling

Spring Second Year

EDU 652 Multicultural Counseling
*EDU 678 School Counseling Internship II
-Prerequisites: EDU 651, 653, 654, 658, 676, 677

EDU 674 Consultation in Counseling
*EDU 669 Group Counseling**
-Prerequisites: EDU 651, 654, 658

Summer Second Year

ABA 778: Nature of Autism: Theory and Practice
EDU 659: Mental Health and Wellness

EDU 803 Counseling and Behavior Therapy for Children

Spring Second Year

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School Counseling Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS)
12 credit hours

Required Courses

EDU 668 Couples & Family Counseling *
EDU 672 Substance Abuse and Addictions Counseling***

Possible Elective Options (Select two of the courses below):

- 1) ABA 778 Nature of Autism: Theory and Practice
- 2) EDU 565 Assessment of Students with Exceptionalities
- 3) EDU 659 Mental Health and Wellness
- 4) CRJ 585 Victimization

*additional options with advisor approval

Summer Second Year

EDU 669 Group Counseling**
-Prerequisites: EDU 651, 654, 658
EDU 803 Counseling and Behavior Therapy for Children

Fall Third Year

EDU 662 Organization & Admin. of the S.C. Program
-Prerequisites: EDU 651, 653, 654, 676
EDU 677 School Counseling Internship I
-Prerequisites: EDU 651, 653, 654, 658, 676

Spring Third Year

*EDU 678 School Counseling Internship II
-Prerequisites: EDU 651, 653, 654, 658, 676, 677
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***Note:**

1. A graduate student is considered full-time when they are enrolled in 9 credit hours or more; 6 credit hours and under is considered part-time status. If a graduate student only takes one course in the Summer, they are not eligible for Financial Aid. Students need to take 6 credit hours to be eligible for Financial Aid any semester. Typically, the graduate school loan is divided three ways between Summer, Fall and Spring.

All financial aid questions should be directed to the Office of Student Records & Financial Services (finaid@niagara.edu) or (716) 286-8686 to set up a 30-minute appointment with their Financial Aid Counselor regarding their specific Financial Aid Awards/Loan(s) and exactly how it would be split for over 6 credit hours if utilized in the Summer, Fall or Spring.

2. Candidates can apply for initial school counseling certification to practice as a school counselor after the completion of the required 48 credit hours (M.S.Ed.). Professional certification can be obtained after completion of 12 additional credit hours of study (60 credit hours) in the certificate of advanced studies program *and* three years of work experience as a school counselor. The initial certification is valid for five years from its effective date. More information regarding NYS school counseling regulations can be accessed here: <https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/517brca14.pdf>