Western Michigan University’s Counselor Education (M.A., Ph.D.) programs prepare competent, ethical and culturally sensitive counselor education professionals through graduate education and scholarship.

The Ph.D. program in Counselor Education and Supervision provides advanced preparation for counselors in various mental health and school settings, as well as preparing counselors for the counselor education professorate in higher education.

M.A. program options include:
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- College Counseling
- Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling
- School Counseling
- Rehabilitation Counseling

The Ph.D. program and the M.A. options in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, College Counseling, and School Counseling are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The Rehabilitation Counseling M.A. program is accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE).

All programs recognize the importance of meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse society and have a strong multicultural and diversity emphasis.

Counseling practicum training occurs in the Department’s Centers for Counseling and Psychological Services in Kalamazoo and in Grand Rapids – among the finest training facilities in the nation.

All program options fulfill academic requirements for eligibility to become a Licensed Professional Counselor in Michigan.
Counselor Education (M.A., Ph.D.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
WMU’s Counselor Education program faculty have a strong record of contributions to the profession of counselor education. Key areas of expertise include: African American women and mental health; career assessment; career development; childhood trauma; child rearing practices and parenting; counselor supervision; clinical counseling; marriage, couple and family counseling; humanistic theory and the African American experience; life/work transitions; professional issues and ethics; school counseling and advocacy; and theoretical/philosophical issues in counseling.

Admissions
The CECP department has three different application deadlines for Counselor Education M.A. programs during the year: January 15 for the ensuing summer and fall semesters; May 15 for the ensuing fall semester; and September 15 for the ensuing spring semester.

The Counselor Education Ph.D. program application due date is December 10 for the following fall semester.

GRE scores are required for Ph.D. applicants. All required application materials are available on the department’s website: wmich.edu/cecp/academics/admission/

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
Since the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology is a graduate student only department, very few assistantships are available within the department at the M.A. level. M.A. students may apply to other departments and units around the University for competitive assistantships/fellowships that may be open to M.A. student applicants. A number of doctoral graduate assistantships and associateships are available within the department and University on a competitive basis.

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Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.