ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Graduates of counselor education at either the masters or doctoral level will be prepared for positions in various mental health and school settings as well as the knowledge and skills to prepare counselors for the counselor education professorate in colleges and universities. Graduates work in licensed professional settings including substance abuse, career counseling, multicultural affairs, and a variety of other traditional counseling settings.

I chose this occupation in order to show not just homage to that counselor who made such a big change in my life, but so that I could be that change for the next generation of people coming in with blindness or low vision.

Robert Parsons, alumnus

WMU’s master of arts and doctoral counselor education programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs.

The counselor education program offers courses at both the WMU Grand Rapids and the WMU Kalamazoo locations for our students convenience.
MASTER OF ARTS

The master of arts program offers four degree concentration programs so students can focus their passion for helping others in the sector they care most about while meeting the educational requirements for the licensed professional counselor credential in Michigan. Concentrations include:

- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling
- School Counseling (also offered as a certificate)

Application Deadlines: Jan. 15 for ensuing summer and fall semester, and Sept. 15 for spring semester

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

This 61 credit hour doctoral program provides advanced-level preparation for students and is not intended to meet the educational requirements of those who seek to be licensed psychologists. Students are required to demonstrate professional competencies through supervised experiences. These experiences include research, teaching and counseling. Entry to this program assumes that applicants have or are about to complete their master's degree in counseling or a closely related field.

Application Deadline: December 10 (for fall)

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