

Admission Requirements for Counselor Education Education Specialist (Ed.S.) Degree Programs

I. General Admission Requirements for Ed.S. Programs

- Master's degree in Counseling or related field (see II* & III below) from an accredited university
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Admission interview
- ALSDE Fingerprint Clearance (*Students cannot be unconditionally admitted until we have proof of fingerprint/background clearance*).

II. Specific to Clinical Mental Health Counseling Ed.S. Applicants

- Completed a Counseling Master's degree in Community, Clinical Mental Health, School or a related counseling program* prior to admission (*e.g. Psychology, Social Work, Counseling Psychology, Career Counseling, College Counseling, Gerontological Counseling, Marriage, Couples, & Family Counseling/Therapy, Student Affairs, etc.). All such degrees must be eligible for state therapeutic licensure.

III. Specific to School Counseling Ed.S. Applicants

- Completed a School Counseling Master's degree (*related degrees are not accepted*)
- Copy of current A level Alabama Teaching Certificate in School Counseling
- Evidence of two years educational experience in schools (Form EXP)

VI. Portfolio Documents required of all applicants (*The student must submit all documents that are included in a folder, binder, or via e-mail at the same time – documents will not be accepted individually*).

- Three letters of recommendation on company/school letterhead
(*One letter must be from a current or recent supervisor. For school counselor applicants, one must be from a current supervisor or principal. For students transferring from another graduate program, one letter must be from a professor from that program. Letters must attest to: the candidate's ability to effectively interact with individuals and groups, the candidate's academic ability, the candidate's professional and work ethic.*)
- Resume that includes:
 - Current contact information
 - Career goals and objectives
 - Education
 - Employment history
 - Community and professional service

The above items can be mailed/dropped off to your Academic Advisor in the College of Education: Keri McGee/Academic Advisor College of Education | 300A PO Box 244023 Montgomery, AL 36124-4023 Or via e-mail: kmcgee4@aum.edu

The above items must arrive to the academic advisor by 5:00p.m. on the posted due date (December 1 for Spring, May 1 for Summer, August 1 for Fall). Applicants will be contacted to schedule the admission interview after the completed portfolio and all other documents have been submitted. If you have questions concerning the scheduling of the interview, please call (334) 244-3869.

AUM Faculty Signature _____

Keri McGee, Academic Advisor Signature _____
If you have any questions, please e-mail Dr. Hard (phard@aum.edu) or Keri McGee (kmcgee4@aum.edu)