MS IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Overview (295)

Contact: (845) 257-3467 or (845) 257-3470

https://www.newpaltz.edu/psychology/counseling-graduate/mental_degree.html

The 60-credit Master of Science in School Counseling prepares students for certification as school counselors. The degree includes a core curriculum and specialization courses. The curriculum covers school counseling practice and research, in addition to necessary coursework in human growth and development, social and cultural foundations, helping relationships, group work, career and lifestyle development, appraisal, research and program development, and professional orientation. Practicum and internship experiences provide unique, varied, and intense hands-on school counseling training experiences that meet state certification requirements.

The degree satisfies New York State educational requirements for both provisional/permanent and initial/professional certification in school counseling, with SUNY New Paltz recommending graduates for certification. Detailed information on the certification of school counselors in New York is available from the State Education Department (SED) at http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert.

The degree can be completed full-time in two years (p. 1), including summer classes. Students may attend part-time (p. 1), but all degree requirements must be completed within five years after admission to degree candidacy.

Admission Requirements

The Counseling Graduate Programs’ Admissions Committee reviews applications. Please prepare the following items for inclusion in the online application process:

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 for all undergraduate work or strong evidence of recent academic achievement.
- Successful completion of 9 undergraduate credits in the social sciences, including courses in inferential statistics and research methods.
- Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (General Test), preferably a combined verbal and quantitative score of 300.
- One official copy of transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work.
- Statement of professional goals.
- Contact information for three individuals who have agreed to provide letters of recommendation.
- International students must meet these additional requirements for admission: http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/students/international/
- Please send OFFICIAL transcripts and GRE score reports to:
  The Office of Graduate & Extended Learning, OM 127
  SUNY New Paltz
  800 Hawk Drive

New Paltz, New York 12561-2442

Application Deadline

The M.S. in School Counseling degree only admits students for the fall semester. Application review begins February 1 and continues until the class is filled.

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**Two Year Study Plan**

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## Academic Good Standing, Transfer Credits, and Degree Deadline

- Students must maintain an average grade of B in graduate-level courses.
- The Counseling Graduate Program may accept up to nine credits of graduate work taken elsewhere in which a grade of B or better was earned.

## Assistantships

Teaching assistantships are available to selected students each year. Current stipends are $5,000 per year plus a six-credit tuition scholarship per semester. Assistantship duties involve assisting in faculty teaching. Inquiries should be addressed to the Director of the Counseling Graduate Program. Other means of financial support are available to selected students each year in positions such as Assistant in the Office of Psychology and Counseling Graduate Programs, Academic Advisor to undergraduate psychology students, Graduate Intern at the Career Advising and Development Center, and Technical Assistant at the Disability Resource Center. For further information, contact the Office for Psychology and Counseling Graduate Programs.

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