The Counselor Education Program at Eastern Washington University (EWU) is committed to preparing graduate level professionals through a structured sequence of curricular and clinical experiences. The program places an emphasis on closely supervised training experiences both at the University and in the community. The students are prepared to serve both children and adults by working in schools, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities and community agencies. Faculty and students actively examine the ways education, contemporary issues and social changes are affected in these settings and in society in anticipation of and response to societal and other changes in the United States and throughout the world. The Counselor Education program prepares students to be effective in a dynamic world and profession. Students are prepared to be counselors first and counseling specialists second. Emphasis is placed on understanding cultural diversity and the systemic foundations of human growth and development. Applied research, training and service partnerships with community-based and interdisciplinary delivery models are seen as essential for successful practice. The program builds these collaborations in Spokane and the greater Inland Northwest region.

A Master of Science in psychology is offered with an emphasis in two areas: school counseling and mental health counseling. Additionally, graduates from the program meet the requirements for National Counselor Certification (NCC).

Career Opportunities
Graduates of the mental health counseling emphasis pursue careers in mental health centers, state hospitals and training schools, rehabilitation counseling offices, juvenile homes, youth centers, private practices and alcohol and substance abuse centers. The school counseling emphasis is designed for students seeking preparation as counselors in K-12 school settings.

Classes and experiences are organized to provide thorough grounding in the skills and knowledge generally recognized by the counseling profession and specifically meeting or exceeding the Washington State requirements for ESA-school counselor certification. The counselor education emphasis maintains the highest standards for professional education as evidenced by ongoing accreditation, since 1986, by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). This accreditation sets the standards for best-practices in counselor education and national certification.

Knowledge and Skills
The primary evidence for success in the program is for the graduates to demonstrate ability to translate principles into practice. There are three kinds of evaluation of curricular goals:
1) examinations for ascertainment of breadth, completeness and accuracy of important principles;
2) observation and rating of demonstrated skill proficiency; this is assessed through videotaped and en vivo work samples with oral examination of perceptions, analyses of client style and problems, and justification for choice of intervention approach; and
3) assessment of ability to integrate knowledge and skills necessary for professional functioning.

Curriculum
The program curriculum and applied activities are designed to help students discover a professional counselor identity and mastery of the knowledge and skills to practice effectively. Faculty supervision, modeling and practice opportunities encourage students to examine the development of their professional identity and mastery. Further, students are mentored in order to examine ways to acquire lifelong continuing education and review of professional standards. The mental health counseling
degree is a Master of Science, two-year, full-time program with 98 credit hours, including a 900-hour internship in a mental health setting to be completed in the second year. The school counseling degree is a Master of Science, two-year, full-time program with 95 credit hours, including a 600-hour internship in a K-12 school setting. No specific undergraduate degree major is required to pursue these master's degrees. The majority of the classes are day time courses. Students are admitted as a cohort each fall quarter and completed applications are reviewed in March of each year.

**Special Features**

The school counseling program provides early and continuous opportunities to work with students in the K-12 setting.

**Preparation for Admission**

The prerequisite course is as follows: A survey and introduction to the assessment tools used to evaluate educational and psychological issues, (e.g. CEDP 468 Tests, Measurements and Evaluation or the equivalent). Additional courses are recommended: A course on basic counseling skills (e.g. CEDP 444 Intro to the Counseling Profession); a course on group dynamics (e.g. CEDP 483 Group Dynamics) or their equivalents. For students with bachelor’s degrees outside human services (e.g., developmental psychology, psychology or social work) evidence of an introductory course in psycho-pathology and knowledge of entry-level statistics is required. Admission criteria include GPA, GRE scores, professional/volunteer experiences, aptitude for work with children and letters of recommendation.

Candidates will need to request a supplemental application packet from the CEDP Department, to be submitted along with the general application.

Candidates can apply online or by mail. Applications can be found at: [http://www.ewu.edu/grad](http://www.ewu.edu/grad)

Application should be sent to:
Graduate Studies Office
206 Showalter Hall
EWU Cheney, WA 99004

Prospective students of EWU can apply online via [http://www.ewu.edu/admissions](http://www.ewu.edu/admissions) or contact the Office of Admissions at 509.359.2397 to request an application.

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**The University**

Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. This vision informs and inspires EWU’s future. Its campus is located in Cheney within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State.

**Note:**

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