

# SCHOOL COUNSELING

- MEd DEGREE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING
- MEd DEGREE IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COUNSELING

The MEd in School Counseling is a practitioner-oriented program committed to developing school counselors well equipped to be in the service of youth in an increasingly pluralistic society. A central goal of the program is to prepare culturally sensitive professionals who think critically and base their practices on scholarly inquiry.

The knowledge you acquire in the classroom will be directly applicable to your current professional life. The MEd in School Counseling program is approved to lead to the Professional Educator License (PEL) for those without previous licensure, and the School Counseling Endorsement is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

The MEd in School and Community Counseling is an opportunity for prospective counselors to widen their career possibilities and marketability. While many counseling programs are focused on either school or community counseling, this program offers hands-on and classroom experience that will prepare you to sit for licensure in a school and/or community setting.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

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*Average time to completion (full time): 2 years, including summers*
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## INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Practicum/internship will take place during the program and includes 700 hours in a school setting (MEd in School Counseling) or a school serving organization (MEd in School and Community Counseling).

For the MEd in School Counseling and MEd in School and Community Counseling, you will also complete a comprehensive exam at the end of the program.

## EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

School Counseling graduates will be prepared to serve as school counselors in elementary, middle, and high schools in both public and private settings.

School and Community Counseling graduates will be in a strong position to pursue a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) and Licensed School Counselor credential.

Candidates in all programs leading to Illinois State Board of Education Professional Educator License (PEL) are required to pass an Illinois Test of Basic Skills, the appropriate licensure exam, and a State Criminal Background Check.

Career services are available at [LUC.edu/career](http://LUC.edu/career).

## PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The programs will equip you with eligibility for the School Counseling Endorsement as well as licensure as a Professional Counselor (LPC) with additional coursework.

Close interaction with faculty will provide you with numerous opportunities for mentoring and increased professional development. The curriculum is designed to help you think critically while maintaining cultural sensitivity.

The School of Education is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), now the Council for the Accreditation for Educator Preparation (CAEP).

## PREREQUISITES

Introduction to Statistics

## FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

Learn more about the financial aid process at [LUC.edu/education/financialaid](http://LUC.edu/education/financialaid).

## LEARN MORE

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

[gpem.LUC.edu/apply](http://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)

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