



Application to the MS Counseling Program: Career; Marriage Couple & Family; Rehabilitation; and School Counseling Concentrations

Thank you for your interest in our MS Counseling Program. The MS Counseling program has four concentrations: Career; Marriage Couple & Family; Rehabilitation; and School Counseling. The application materials for the program can be found below. Please read carefully.

The admission portal through [CSU apply](#) opens on October 1, 2022 at 6am PST. The MS Counseling deadline for ALL concentrations closes on January 6, 2023.

The admission process includes two components, a primary and secondary screening process. This is a holistic review process, reviewing content in the following areas: knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions. The initial review consists of a file review of submitted materials for completed applications. Applicants will then be notified if they will be moving to the secondary screening process which is our February Interview Day. This day includes an interview, group activity, and writing prompt. Application closes January and applicants will be notified if they are invited to Interview Day by early February. The date reserved for our Interview Day is February 17th, 2023; we are tentatively planning this for in-person.

Minimum Admission Requirements

Admission as a classified graduate student in the Master of Science in Counseling program requires:

- A baccalaureate degree;
- Good academic standing at the last college attended;
- A grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 semester (or 90 quarter units);
- Supplemental Materials described below:

Admission Procedures

The M.S. in Counseling accepts applications each fall for admission the following year. **The program does not offer spring admissions.** Prospective applicants, including Sacramento State graduates, must submit the following:

- **Written statement(s);**
 - *Please respond to the following questions. We realize that you may not have specific knowledge about the subject matter. Therefore, it is important that you realize that we evaluate your response based on your writing ability and your approach to the issue.*
 - *Our MS in Counseling program has four concentrations (Career; Marriage, Couple, and Family; Rehabilitation; School). This is a two-part prompt, please address the following questions in an integrated response utilizing references to support your writing:*



- *Please describe why multiculturalism, diversity, and social justice is important within the concentration that you are applying to and how it fits into the overarching paradigm of counseling in working with individuals, children, and families.*
- *Please describe the wellness model and how this influences the training, assessment, and interventions in counseling vs other mental health professions.*
- *How does wellness intersect with social justice?*
- *Minimum requirements: APA format, 2-4 pages double-spaced, five citations, plus a reference page, upload as a pdf.*
- **Relevant work experience via a Resume/CV.**
 - *Please provide a resume/CV that includes your professional, related professional, or volunteer experiences. Include any honors, awards, research, or other achievements as appropriate, if applicable. Please upload in pdf format.*
- **Personal Statement:** *Please describe your journey to this point, how have your experiences influenced who you are today and what makes you want to become a counselor? (1-2 pages).*
- **Professional Letters of Recommendation (2 required, 3 recommended);**
 - *We are requesting three letters of recommendation from an individual who has observed your knowledge, skills, or professional dispositions in a professional capacity and/or supervisory relationship. We require two for a completed file. Please do not include personal references, we are requesting professional references. For example, someone who has overseen your work as an Instructor or Professor, or a Supervisor at your place of employment.*
- **Unofficial Transcripts:**
 - One set of unofficial transcripts from **ALL** colleges and universities attended
- **An official copy of transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended, other than Sacramento State;** send electronic transcripts to gradtranscripts@csus.edu or hard copy transcripts to:
Office of Graduate Studies
California State University, Sacramento
Riverfront Center, Room 215, MS 6112
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819
- Participation in an In-Person Admission Evaluation, which may include (but is not limited to) interviews, experiential activities, and writing samples.



NOTE: Selected applicants, based on paper screening of completed applications, will be invited for an In-Person Admission Evaluation. Decisions for admission into the Master of Science in Counseling program are made based on a comprehensive assessment of **all application materials** and performance in the In-Person Admission Evaluation.

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