



State University of New York at New Paltz

The **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. The degree satisfies New York State educational requirements for provisional/permanent 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). The degree can be completed full-time in two years, including summer classes. Students may attend part-time, but all degree requirements must be completed within five years after admission to degree candidacy.

Admissions Requirements

The Department's Graduate Admissions Committee makes admissions decisions based on the following required criteria:

1. Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Minimum grade point average of 3.0 for all undergraduate work or strong evidence of recent academic achievement.
3. Satisfactory performance (preferably a combined score of 1000 or higher) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test. GRE registration information is available at www.gre.org.
4. Successful completion of nine (9) undergraduate credits in psychology or related social sciences.
5. Successful completion of coursework covering inferential statistics and research methods. Applicants are encouraged to include with their applications catalog course descriptions of the coursework covering this material. This coursework may be part of, or in addition to, the nine (9) undergraduate credits in psychology or related social sciences.
6. Completed Graduate Application, available in paper or online formats at www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/steps.html. In the "Statement of Objectives" section, applicants should include relevant material demonstrating how their academic, professional, and personal experiences make them strong candidates for graduate training in counseling.
7. Two official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work.
8. Three letters of recommendation. Recommenders should address the relevant academic, professional, and personal experiences that make the applicant a strong candidate for graduate training in counseling.
9. *Optional:* Inclusion of supplemental materials (resume/vitae, papers, other relevant written materials, etc.) that enhance the applicant's case for admission.
10. *International Applicants:* The TOEFL is required of all international applicants and any applicant whose undergraduate degree is from a country where English is not the main language of instruction. The required minimum TOEFL score is 550 (213 computer based/80 internet based). TOEFL registration information is available at www.toefl.org.

Application Information

- Paper or online applications available at <http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/applications.html>
- You can also obtain application materials by contacting The Graduate School at HAB 804, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Dr., New Paltz, NY 12561-2443
- **Students are only admitted for the Fall semester:** Application review begins Feb 15 and continues until the class is filled.
- **Assistantships:** Graduate assistantships are available to selected students each year. Current stipends are \$2,500 per semester (\$5,000 per academic year) plus a six-credit tuition waiver per semester. Assistantship duties involve assisting faculty in teaching and research. Contact the Graduate Coordinator for further information about assistantships.
- Admissions based on academic qualifications, without regard to race, color, sex, disability, age, marital status, or religion.

Course Requirements

Methodology Requirement (6 credits)

PSY501 ANOVA or PSY503 Correlation and Multiple Regression
PSY507 Research Methods

Human Growth & Development Requirement (3 credit)

PSY527 Human Growth and Development

Human Growth & Development Electives (6 credit)

Choose two:

PSY516 Organizational Psychology
PSY528 Infancy and Childhood
PSY529 Adulthood
PSY531 Middle Childhood and Adolescence
PSY556 Contemporary Social Psychology
PSY560 Cognitive Processes
PSY570 Cognitive Neuroscience

School Counseling Requirement (39 credits)

COU510 Counseling Theories
COU515 Counseling Skills
COU520 Career Development, Counseling, and Assessment
COU525 Multicultural Counseling
COU535 Foundations of School Counseling (4 credits)
COU540 Psychopathology
COU545 Group Dynamics and Counseling
COU781 Ethics and Professional Orientation: SC Internship 1 (4 credits)
COU782 Ethics and Professional Orientation: SC Internship 2 (4 credits)
SPE565 Teaching in Inclusive Classrooms
One of these: EDS546 Conflict Resolution in Education or EDS741 Affective Education

Electives (6 credits)

ANY other three-credit courses from above NOT used to fulfill above requirements.

- ANY other three-credit Counseling (COU) or Psychology (PSY) graduate courses not listed above.
- Thesis of three or six credits.
- ANY of these courses from Education: EDS581 Issues of Racism and Sexism in Education, EDS735 Experiential Workshop Design, SPE732 Learning Environments for Childhood Learners with Disabilities, SPE742 Learning Environments for Adolescent Learners with Disabilities, SPE750 Collaboration Strategies for Educators, SPE761 Working with Families of Children with Disabilities

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING and SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION Sessions

Must be taken on or off campus and documentation submitted to SUNY New Paltz so that proof of having completed this training can appear on the student's transcript.

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