

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING
SPECIALIZATION/ EMPHASIS IN COLLEGE COUNSELING

The Field of College Counseling. The College Counseling Program is the longest-standing CACREP-accredited program in the nation having been accredited since 1978. The graduates of the program work as student affairs educators in both four-year universities and community colleges. College counselors are hired as academic advisers, counselors, career counselors, transfer counselors, housing personnel, financial aid counselors, EOPS counselors, Puente counselors, directors of student life, and athletic program counselors. Activities range widely from counseling, advising, program development, advocacy, teaching, and service to the college community.

Description of the Program. The program is dedicated to the highest standards of pre-professional training available. The primary purpose of the Department of Counseling is to train competent, professional, culturally sensitive counselors. The Department of Counseling is one of the largest in the nation, with over 30 full and part-time instructors.

San Francisco State University offers a 60-unit nationally (CACREP) accredited Master of Science degree offering a common core of basic courses, two years of supervised field experience and specialized courses in college counseling, student services, and computer applications. The common core of courses taken by all students in the Department include theories of counseling, human development, socio-cultural factors, assessment and diagnosis, career development, abnormal behavior, basic and advanced interviewing skills, group counseling, and research methods. In addition to academic studies, students develop both professionally and personally. Fieldwork and internship placements are available at most Bay Area community colleges and the University of California, Mills College, Stanford University, the University of San Francisco, San Francisco State University, and Golden Gate University.

A student taking a full-time program can finish in two years. Many take classes in the summer and some complete the program part-time over a longer span of time. It should be noted that for those contemplating a part-time program, it is necessary to have a flexible work schedule.

Curriculum. The Department of Counseling has four prerequisites to its program: (1) Theories of Personality (at SFSU, PSY 451), (2) Developmental Psychology (at SFSU, PSY 431), (3) Psychopathology (at SFSU, PSY 452), and (4) COUN 690 - The Field of Counseling, which may be taken no later than the first semester of residence. **It is recommended that all foundation psychology classes be taken prior to enrollment in the program.**

Applicants who wish to begin certain classes before hearing whether he/she has been accepted into the program may do so through Open University on a space available basis. See the Department of Counseling brochure.

Program	Units
COUN 700 Theories of Counseling.....	3
COUN 702 Developmental Foundations for Counselors.....	3
COUN 703 Psychological Foundations for Counselors	3
COUN 705 Fieldwork Traineeship	2
COUN 706 Interviewing Process.....	3
COUN 715 Assessment in Counseling.....	3
COUN 720 Career Counseling.....	3
COUN 735 Fieldwork Traineeship	2
COUN 736 Advanced Counseling Process	3
COUN 738 Alcohol and Substance Abuse	2
COUN 792 Seminar for Counselors in Student Per Services	3
COUN 793 Organization and Administration of Higher Education...3	3
COUN 794 Seminar in Research	3
COUN 811 Group Counseling Process	3
COUN 833 Social and Cultural Foundations in Counseling.....	3
COUN 857 Law and Ethics in Counseling	3
COUN 858 Couples and Family Counseling	3
COUN 859 Counseling Aspects of Sexuality	2
COUN 890 Integrative Counseling	3
COUN 891 Case Studies and Internship	3
COUN 892 Fieldwork Traineeship	4
Total.....	60

Employment Outlook. Recent graduates have been hired by Stanford University, the University of California, the University of California San Francisco, San Francisco State University, the University of San Francisco, City College of San Francisco and College of San Mateo. The projected employment for vocational and educational counselors in California for the year 2006 is 34,800 with 5,700 openings in the 10-year period 2006-2016.

Salary Ranges Pay for counselors varies depending on geographic location and the type of employer or school district. However, relative to other counselors, educational and vocational counselors earn the highest salaries on average. California's median annual salary is \$57,669, and nationally the median salary is \$51,050. The top 10% nationally earn above \$84,080.

Application Procedure. The department and the university have a Fall admit program. All prospective students can attend an orientation session given in the Fall that will provide information on the application process, degree offerings, specializations, and emphases. The department program application is available on our website¹ at www.counseling.sfsu.edu (see Prospective Students link to the left of our Mission Statement).

It is necessary to apply to both the Department of Counseling and to the university. Visit the Graduate Studies website at www.sfsu.edu/~gradstdy for instructions on how to apply to the university.

The department admits students once a year for the fall semester only. The complete department program application and the university application are due on January 14th. Applications must be received by the department by January 14 in order to be accepted for admissions review. Applications that are postmarked on January 14 will be returned. Do not wait until January 14th to mail in your program application.

Completing this curriculum enables graduates to sit for the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) examination. Passing this examination, which can be taken as early as the final semester in the program, fulfills licensing requirements in over 30 other states. The Department is currently in the process of revising the curriculum to align with California's recent Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) legislation.

We thank you for your interest in our College Counseling specialization.

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¹ The Department of Counseling program application download link is available on our website starting early August and is removed after the application deadline.