

Postsecondary Planning Specialist Certificate Program

Extended Programs and Educational Outreach, in partnership with the Department of Leadership and Counseling, offers the Postsecondary Planning Specialist Certificate allowing school counselors to become postsecondary planning specialists. The program is designed for individuals who already have, or are working toward, a master's in school counseling and who wish to gain additional expertise in helping students plan for postsecondary education and career opportunities.

The Postsecondary Planning Specialist certificate program is a 12 credit hour program that may be taken during or after completion of a master's degree in school counseling.

Although emphasis is placed upon college as a postsecondary option with special attention to the Michigan College Access Network, the certificate also addresses the role of school counselors in helping students seek postsecondary training via community colleges, career colleges, trade schools, apprenticeships and the military.

Accreditation

The EMU College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and approved by the Michigan Department of Education for the preparation of educational personnel.

Program of Study

- COUN 612 The School Counselor (2)
- COUN 670 Postsecondary Planning for School Counselors (3)
- COUN 591 Special Topics: Educational Development Plans and Career Development in the Schools (2)
- COUN 672 College Exploration Resources and College Application Management for School Counselors (2)
- COUN 590 Special Topics: Financial Aid Foundations for School Counselors (1)
- COUN 591 Special Topics: Postsecondary Planning with Families and Special Populations (2)

Total Credit Hours: 12

Admission Requirements

- Must have graduated from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a master's degree in school counseling.
- Must show evidence of academic aptitude for continued graduate-level study as evidenced by a graduate GPA of at least a 3.3 on previously completed master's degree program in school counseling.
- Must have a credential as a school counselor (an NT endorsement or School Counseling License).
- If you are an international student, you must meet at least one of the following additional criteria:
 - A score of 79 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Additional coursework in composition may be required.
 - A score of 77 on the Michigan English Language Ability Battery (MELAB) and a rating of at least 3.0 on the "Oral Interview" portion of the MELAB. Additional coursework in composition may be required. These tests must have been taken within the past two years.
- A one-page "statement of intent" focusing on your motivation and rationale for seeking admission as well as your background and goals related to professional studies. A focused, one-page résumé summarizing program-relevant educational, career and/or life experiences.

Complete your application for admission to Eastern Michigan University
on the Web — www.emich.edu/admissions/apply/

Conditional Admission

If you are currently enrolled in a master's degree in school counseling, you must provide evidence of the following criteria:

- Must be currently enrolled in a master's degree program in school counseling at a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- Must show academic aptitude for continued graduate-level study by a graduate grade-point average of at least a 3.5 in their current master's degree program in school counseling.
- International students must meet one or more of the following additional criteria:
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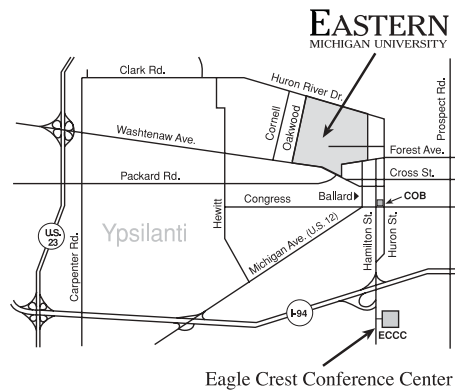
Important Notes

- The program cannot be used to supplement a previous master's to become credentialed as a school counselor in the State of Michigan or as a limited licensure as a professional counselor (LLPC) in the State of Michigan.
- For students currently enrolled in a master's degree program in school counseling and conditionally admitted, the certificate will not be conferred until completion of both the certificate program and the master's degree in school counseling.

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