

Post-Master's Degree

Ed.S – Educational Specialist in Counseling



Earn your Ed.S. in Counseling

Advance your professional skills and knowledge.
Help others to live their best lives.

Rivier's Ed.S. in Counseling program will hone your critical thinking skills and provides an enhanced breadth of professional knowledge. For counselors working with specific populations, the program will help you develop greater expertise with those populations or gain exposure to new populations.

Our Ed.S. in Counseling program is designed for professionals who hold a master's degree in counseling, or a closely related field, and want to pursue further education and/or become certified school counselors. Graduates are prepared for a variety of leadership roles in clinical and educational settings.

Licensure, Partnerships, and Careers

Rivier has partnerships with schools, social service agencies, and counseling centers throughout the region, offering sites for internships and community service. You will find our alumni working as school psychologists or counselors in public and private schools serving students in grades K-12. They are licensed mental health counselors in human service agencies and private practices.

Choose Rivier

Rivier's Ed.S. programs provide real-world assignments and hands-on experience in the field to help you put theory into practice and develop your skills. Courses are offered in seven-week or 14-week terms for added flexibility to accommodate your busy schedules and learning preferences. Upon completion of all program requirements, you will be eligible for school guidance counselor (K-12) certification by the New Hampshire State Department of Education. Becoming a credentialed counselor demonstrates expertise and leadership in this field.



Course Format

On campus



36 Credits

to complete
program



2.5 Years

estimated
program length





Course of Study

PREREQUISITE COURSES

EDUC 501	Fundamentals of Research
CNSL 505	Advanced Psychology of Human Development
CNSL 610	Basic Human Interaction
CNSL 614	Clinical Counseling Theories
CNSL 615	Clinical Counseling Techniques
CNSL 616	Group Counseling
CNSL 624	Psychopathology
CNSL 720	Social and Cultural Foundations

or their equivalents

REQUIRED COURSES

CNSL 611	Psychotherapy for Children
CNSL 623	Marriage and Family Therapy
CNSL 625	Testing and Assessment
CNSL 626	Positive Psychology
CNSL 629	Addictive Behaviors
CNSL 681	Career and Lifestyle Development
CNSL 704	Personality Assessment I
CNSL 705	Neuropsychological Assessment I
CNSL 721	Advanced Multicultural Perspectives

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES

Students complete two-to-three courses (nine credits) from the following:

CNSL 538	Cognitive Assessment I
CNSL 539	Information Processing and Cognition
CNSL 612	Professional Issues in School Counseling
CNSL 613	Collaboration and Intervention
CNSL 620	Spiritual Dimensions of Counseling
CNSL 648	Internship in School Counseling I*
CNSL 649	Internship in School Counseling II*

**Internships are only available for students who do not already have their counselor certification.*

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Candidacy review that includes disposition review
- E-Portfolio review for candidacy and graduation
- Successful completion of comprehensive examination

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Ed.S. Program Start Dates

Six term starts per year allow you to begin your program in September, October, January, March, May, or July. Completed applications are reviewed as they are received throughout the year.

Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



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