

Certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counselor to School Counselor

The certificate in clinical mental health counselor to school counselor provides students in the 60-credit-hour clinical mental health counseling (CMHC) track, former students who have graduated from the CMHC degree track, and Licensed Professional Counselor practitioners the opportunity to obtain the courses needed to meet the academic requirements for a school counselor license in Kansas. School counseling licensure will have the potential to provide additional career opportunities and promotion to the students who hold the certificate. Students with degrees less than 60 credit hours may be required to take additional courses beyond this certificate to meet the credit hours required for licensure by the Kansas State Department of Education licensing requirements for school counselors in Kansas.

Admission

1. Evidence of having completed a master's degree in counseling;
2. Cumulative graduate GPA: 3.250 in required courses for the prerequisite graduate degree;
3. Completion of CESP 821, CESP 815, CESP 822 and CLES 810 or equivalents with a grade of *B-* or better;
4. Resume; and
5. References: two professional references.

Students seeking the clinical mental health counselor to school counselor licensure graduate certificate will be either currently enrolled students in the counseling program's clinical mental health counseling degree track, or nondegree, Category A status students who are returning to complete the school counselor licensure requirements. All Graduate School policies related to admission will apply to students admitted under nondegree Category A status to pursue the transition from clinical mental health counselor to school counselor graduate certificate.

Program Requirements

The following courses are required for completion of this certificate:

Course	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
CESP 804	Foundations of School Counseling	3
CESP 856	School Counseling Practicum	3
CESP 949A & CESP 949B or CESP 949C	School Counseling Internship I and School Counseling Internship II ¹	6
CESP 845	Professional School Counseling	3
CLES 827	Counseling Consultation, Leadership and Advocacy for School Counselors	3
Total Credit Hours		18

Completion Requirements

A cumulative graduate GPA of 3.000 for all courses comprising the certificate program is required. No grades below a *C* (2.000) are allowed in certificate program courses. In addition to these requirements, students must meet the Graduate School's requirements (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/academic-information/types-programs-courses/certificates-graduate-programs/>) in order to earn this certificate.

Completion Process

1. Students must notify the program area, in writing, of intent to complete the certificate.
2. In the semester the certificate requirements are met, students must:
 - a. With graduate advisor, prepare and submit to the Graduate School a plan of study for the certificate, and
 - b. Submit to the Graduate School an application for the certificate along with a \$25 filing fee.

Deadlines are no later than the 20th day of fall or spring semester, or the 10th day of a summer term.