Counselor Education Admission Process

Getting Started
The admission process begins by applying first to the LSU Graduate School and paying the $50 application fee. Applications are available online: LSU Graduate School Application (http://www.lsu.edu/graduateschool/apply/index.php). The application will ask if you are degree seeking and what your intended degree program is. From the drop-down menu of degree program, choose from: Counseling – MEd with concentrations in School Counseling or in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, or Education – EDS Cert (ELRC) for the Specialist Certificate.

LSU Graduate School Frequently Asked Questions

The admission application deadline is March 1, with an interview date of March 23. New students are only admitted for the fall semester. In order to be considered for admission to one of the Counselor Education graduate programs the following information must be submitted and on file with the LSU Graduate School by the March 1 application deadline:

- On-line application with Graduate School
- Official transcripts
  Send official transcript from each university attended to the Graduate School’s Office of Admissions.
  
  LSU Office of Graduate Student Services
  114 David Boyd Hall
  Baton Rouge, LA 70803
- Official GRE test scores
  GRE Scores are to be sent to the university. The ETS institution code for LSU Graduate School is 6373. (The GRE needs to be taken at least two weeks prior to the admission deadline in order for the university to receive your scores.
- Letters of Recommendation
  Three letters may be submitted electronically through the online application. There is no special recommendation form for our programs.
- Professional goal statement
- Resume

The above documents will not be returned to or copied for the applicant. All application requirements, aside from transcripts and test scores, must be submitted together with the online application. Transcripts and test scores must be official. When you have completed your application and are ready to submit it, you can pay your application fee online via credit card or debit card. No applications will be processed until the application fee is paid. Once the deadline
has been reached and applications are received by the Counselor Education department, applicants of interest will be invited to interview.

**GPA and GRE Test Scores**
Counselor Education is a competitive program with limited enrollment. The program requires an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 along with a score of 297 on your GRE (verbal plus quantitative) for admission to the program. Applicants with lower scores may be considered, but the verbal score should be 153 or higher, and the total quantitative scale score must each be 144 or higher. Provisional and probationary applications are not considered. Submitted test scores must be official. Applications must be complete before they will be reviewed. If you have not taken the GRE within the past ten years, you will need to retake the test. To register for testing or obtain GRE study resources visit: [www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre).

**Letters of Recommendation and Goal Statement**
Prospective students are evaluated using three criteria:

- Academic potential
- Potential for professional development
- Openness to personal growth and development.

Please ask your references to address these issues in their letters of recommendation. You may also wish to discuss them in your professional goal statement.

*Note: a writing sample is not required as part of application to this program*

**Interview**
Applicants who meet the program’s minimum requirements will be invited for an individual interview with program faculty. Admission decisions are made following the interview by program faculty.

**Program Invitations and Acceptance**
Top applicants will be offered admission into the program following final admissions decisions made collectively by the program faculty. Other competitive applicants may be placed on a waitlist. Applicants being offered admission will be notified by a mailed letter of acceptance which will provide instruction for accepting the offer of admission. Applicants who choose to decline the offer will be removed from the offer list and then others on the wait list will be considered.

**Graduate Assistantship Application**
Graduate Assistantship application forms are available in the Counselor Education Office. Contact Student Aid & Scholarships (225-578-3103) or the Graduate School for other financial aid possibilities.

**Admission Dates for the Fall 2018 Semester:**

- Application Deadline – Thursday, March 1st
- Interviews with Select Candidates – Friday, March 23rd