

COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Masters Degree M.A., M.Ed., and M.S.

This document describes three Masters Degree programs in the Counseling and Educational Psychology Department (CEP). It includes:

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I. COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology is a component of Nevada's land grant university located in the College of Education. Masters, Educational Specialist, and Doctoral programs are offered in Counseling and Educational Psychology.

Master's degrees include emphases in Community Counseling, Marital, Couple, and Family Counseling/Therapy, School Counseling, Student Affairs & College Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Information Technology in Education.

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CEP Department Website: <http://www.unr.edu/educ/cep/cepindex.html>
Graduate School Website: <http://www.unr.edu/grad/apply.html>

In performing its mission, the Counseling and Educational Psychology Department:

- a. Offers quality graduate programs in Counseling, Counselor Education, School Psychology, Educational Psychology, and Information Technology in Education to meet the needs of the citizens of Nevada.
- b. Emphasizes research and scholarly activities that contribute to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge.
- c. Offers course work that supports undergraduate education.
- d. Offers community and public service programs.
- e. Strives to reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the citizens of Nevada.

II. ACCREDITATION

The Masters of Arts (M.A.) degree is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASC). The School Counseling curriculum is also accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The Masters of Education (M.Ed.) degree and the Master of Science degrees are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASC).

III. DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

- a. The Masters of Arts degrees (M.A.) include four emphases:
 - Community Counseling (67-69 credits)
 - Marital, Couple, and Family Counseling/Therapy (64 credits)
 - School Counseling (58 credits)
 - Student Affairs & College Counseling (61-63 credits)
- b. The Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree includes an emphasis in:
 - Educational Psychology (37-39 credits)
- c. The Master of Science degree (M.S.) includes an emphasis in:
 - Information Technology in Education (40-42 credits)

IV. MINIMUM CEP DEPARTMENT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or better on a scale of 4.0 or a GPA of 3.0 for courses taken during the last half of the undergraduate program.
- b. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores recorded within the past five years.

GRE requirements for the M.A. degree (counseling emphases) vary by undergraduate GPA:

1. GPA of 3.2+ requires 5th percentile GRE scores in Verbal and Quantitative sections;

2. GPA of 3.0-3.2 requires 10th percentile GRE scores in Verbal and Quantitative sections;
3. GPA of 2.75-3.0 requires 16th percentile GRE scores in Verbal and Quantitative sections.

GRE requirements for the M.Ed. (Educational Psychology emphasis) and M.S. degrees (Information Technology in Education emphasis) Combined Verbal and Quantitative score of at least 750.

For Example, the 5th percentile means that you must score above the bottom 5% of students taking the exam. In other words, the higher your GPA the lower your GRE scores can be. **NOTE:** The GPA and GRE scores are weighed higher than the Résumé, Letter of Application, Goal Statement, and Letters of Recommendation.

- c. Information on Graduate Record Exam (GRE) website <http://www.gre.org>. Test location: Sylvan Learning Center, 940 West Moana Lane, Reno, NV, (775) 829- 2700, provides GRE testing services on an individual basis.

GRE Readiness Workshop: Contact Kaplan Testing Prep for times, dates, and locations for workshops at 1-800-kaptest or visit the website at <http://www.kaptest.com/index.jhtml>

V. ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES for CEP M.A., M.Ed., M.S. Degrees:

- a. **Application deadlines (for counseling emphases only):
September 15 for Spring Admission and February 15 for
Fall Admission.**

**Applications for all other degrees (M.Ed., & M.S.) are
September 1 for Spring Admission and February 1 for
Fall Admission.**

- b. **Formal applications for University of Nevada, Reno admission must be made to the Graduate School/326 (Fitzgerald Student Services Building 082), (775) 784-6869). <http://www.unr.edu/grad>** Allow time to complete the paper work to meet CEP's deadlines.
- c. The following information must be sent directly to:

**Admissions Committee
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A **letter of application** that includes:

- (a) degree choice (M.A., or M.Ed., or M.S.).
 - (b) if applying for an M.A., indicate emphasis choice (MCFC/T, School Counseling; Student Affairs & College Counseling; or Community). Students may complete only one emphasis at a time.
 - (c) a statement of professional career goals (what do you plan on doing with your degree?).
- (1) A **resumé** indicating educational, career, and other experiences relevant to becoming a Master's level counselor, or specialist in educational technology, or information technology in education.
 - (2) **Three letters of recommendation** from professionals assessing your potential for professional graduate level training as a counselor (M.A. applicants), or specialist in educational psychology (M.Ed. applicants), or specialist in information technology in education (M.S. applicants).
 - a. Each applicant will receive, from the graduate school notification of acceptance or rejection approximately eight weeks after the application deadline.
 - b. Within two weeks following notification from the graduate school, a letter from the CEP department will be sent to successful candidates informing them of a student orientation meeting and the CEP faculty member who has been assigned as each student's program advisor.

VI. GRADUATE STANDING

Graduate standing requires that an applicant be admitted to a degree in the CEP Department (see Section V). The CEP Department requires that students maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA to earn a Masters Degree. CEP graduate standing students admitted to departmental degrees **must enroll in at least three credits per semester or they will be withdrawn from graduate standing by the Graduate School**. To prevent this action, an approved waiver request form (leave of absence form) must be signed by the student's advisor and department head and filed with the Graduate School. The form is available on the graduate school web site: <http://www.unr.edu/grad>

VII. GRADUATE SPECIAL STATUS

The graduate special classification is for students who wish to take graduate courses but do not plan to pursue an emphasis leading to an advanced degree, or for applicants who do not meet the requirements for admission to graduate standing. Applicants for CEP graduate standing are encouraged not to enroll in CEP courses as graduate special status students. If a student with graduate special status chooses to enroll in CEP courses, and is later admitted to regular graduate standing, up to nine graduate credits may be applied to the program of study toward a degree (see the University of Nevada, Reno General Catalog for details regarding graduate special status).

VIII. FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION: The CEP Department has a limited number of graduate assistantships. Contact the CEP Department for information and application forms. In general, teaching assistantships are for doctoral students. However, some additional assistantships, which are funded through external grants, may be available to qualified master students. Other financial aid forms are available from the Financial Aid Office in the Student Services Building second floor, (775) 784-4666.

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X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prospective student meetings are held the second Thursday in January and August at 4 p.m. at the CEP Office (call department, (775) 784-6637 to register for the meetings).

To obtain a University of Nevada catalog, contact the ASUN Bookstore, Mail Stop 194, (775) 784-6597.

For any information regarding the Graduate School visit their website at <http://www.unr.edu/grad/apply.html> or call (775) 784-6869.

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