COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mission Statement: The primary mission of the Counselor Education Program is to prepare counselors for ethical practice.

Philosophy: The Counselor Education Program prepares its graduates to act as facilitators of change in the lives of individuals at all developmental levels. By modeling high standards of professionalism and offering a foundation of knowledge, skills, self awareness, and practice, the program aspires to prepare counselors of the highest quality to work in schools, mental health agencies, businesses, hospitals, rehabilitation organizations, private practice and other settings.

Program Description: The master's program in Counselor Education provides its graduates with counseling knowledge and skills used in school, agency, private practice and rehabilitation settings. Students study human development and behavior, individual counseling theory and skills, group theory and dynamics, research methodology, psychological measurement and evaluation, as well as courses in the individual specialty areas of school counseling, clinical mental health counseling, and rehabilitation counseling. Program training includes traditional university-based courses, distance education, and clinical instruction.

Goals: To provide an integrated and conceptually sound framework of knowledge, skills and self awareness as a foundation for ethical practice in the fields of counseling and rehabilitation.

To provide leadership for the counseling profession at the state, regional, and national levels.

Objectives: Students in the Counselor Education Program will be able to competently:

1. demonstrate knowledge of core curriculum.
2. demonstrate an integration and application of their knowledge and skills in the specialty areas in counseling (school, clinical mental health, and rehabilitation).
3. demonstrate knowledge and skills in addressing issues of diversity
4. apply individual and group counseling skills and techniques
5. reflect on their personal and professional strengths, weaknesses, abilities and challenges to identify professional development needs.
6. analyze and apply relevant technologies for the growth and practice of counseling and rehabilitation.