A Master of Science in Counseling prepares students to be professional counselors in a choice of three different concentrations: Mental Health Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling and School Counseling.

USM's Counselor Education program maintains the highest professional standards through program accreditation and licensing, as well as through professional development and involvement with national and state organizations. A basic belief of the USM Counselor Education program is that people often need assistance in addressing typical developmental transitions as well as difficult life situations. Mental Health, Rehabilitation, and School Counselors are trained to help people with these challenges.

### Program Highlights

**Flexible, Accessible Learning** - The Counselor Education Program offers full- and part-time options and a schedule conducive to career professionals with classes in the late afternoon and evening. Some courses are available at a distance via the University of Maine System's videoconference network or other technology.

**Real-world Learning** - Students gain hands-on field experience in counseling settings related to their chosen concentration. Graduates work in the public and private sectors applying evidence-based practices and state-of-the-art knowledge and skills.

**CACREP and CORE Accreditation** - USM's Counselor Education program maintains the highest professional standards through program accreditation and licensing, as well as through professional development and involvement with national and state organizations. The Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling concentrations hold accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP). The Rehabilitation Counseling concentration holds accreditation from the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE).

**High Graduate Employment Rates** - More than 98% of Counselor Education Program graduates have been successfully employed in the field or have chosen to pursue further education. Full-time students complete their degree in approximately two years; part-time students may take up to six years to complete their degree.

Please visit the School's website for a complete list of course descriptions: [usm.maine.edu/sehd/sehd-course-descriptions](http://usm.maine.edu/sehd/sehd-course-descriptions).
APPLICATION DEADLINE
- Applications to the Master of Science in Counseling are due by November 15th.
- Applications to the Certificate of Advanced Study in Counseling program are accepted on a rolling basis.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Masters of Science in Counseling
- A submitted online graduate admission application through the Office of Graduate Admissions (OGA).
- A non-refundable application fee of $65.00.
- Test scores from either the Graduate Records Examination (GRE) or the Millers Analogy Test (MAT) are accepted. Further details from the OGA website can provide details regarding testing.
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. The Office of Graduate Admissions is able to obtain transcript of courses completed after 1985 from any University of Maine system campus, so you do not need to request those; however, you do need to list them on your application.
- Three letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant’s knowledge of current scholarship, capacity to connect theory and practice in posing and solving educational problems, achievement of excellence in educational practice, and demonstrated capability and motivation to engage in advanced graduate study.
- Essay in the form of a brief autobiography that relates the applicant’s experiences that have led to an interest in counseling and application to the counselor education program. Further directions for the essay may be found through the CE Program web pages.
- Certification of finances (international students only).
- Submission of official TOEFL or IELTS scores (if English is not first language).
- Current resume.

Please see full admissions requirements at: usm.maine.edu/counselor-education.

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