

SCHOOL COUNSELING MASTER OF ARTS



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The aim of the School Counseling program at Concordia University Chicago is to prepare school counselors who exhibit high standards of professional competence and ethical practice. Graduate students receive a high quality educational program that emphasizes Christian beliefs. The program also recognizes, values and encourages the development of skills and competencies that will be needed throughout the candidate's career as a school counselor. The School Counseling program is carefully designed to prepare candidates for work as school counselors in elementary, middle, and high school settings. Specifically, the School Counseling program offers training in providing individual and group work as well as development and refinement of individual skills in both public and private schools. The program of study meets certification requirements of the State of Illinois. Upon completion of the program, candidates are eligible for the Illinois Professional Educator's License: School Service Personnel Certificate K-12 (formerly Type 73) certification.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Candidates may hold a valid teaching certificate, but candidates with a bachelor's degree in a related field are also eligible (see course requirements).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- Graduate admission application including an objective statement.
- Original, official transcript from Bachelor's degree (and for any Master's degree earned as well).
- Two letters of recommendation (preferably one from a college or university instructor) addressing academic proficiency, personal character, and competence and effectiveness in professional work.
- Written responses to admission committee's counseling-related questions.
- Submit copy of valid teaching certificate if a certified teacher.
- 12 prerequisite hours of Psychology or Sociology with a grade of C or better.

COST:

\$505 per credit hour

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Call the Graduate Information Office at (708) 957-5994

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Summer, fall, and spring semesters

DELIVERY MODE:

Blended

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center of Lake County and online

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Textbooks may be purchased online at <https://cuchiago.bncollege.com>

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Up to 50% of a degree may be accepted for transfer credit from an accredited graduate school.

FINANCIAL AID:

Office of Student Financial Planning (708) 209-3113

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concordia-chicago/masters-
programs/school-counseling-
masters/](http://www.graduateprogram.org/concordia-chicago/masters-programs/school-counseling-masters/)

REQUIRED COURSES:

Courses include:

Introduction to the Counseling Profession (3)
Evaluation and Research for Counselors (3)
Counseling Techniques and Interventions Ethics,
Law & Morality for Counselors (3)
Counseling Theory and Practice (3)
Multicultural Counseling (3)
Career Counseling for School (3)
Counselors Group Work in Schools (3)
School Counseling: Program Development and
Organization (3)
Counseling and Human Development (3)
Fundamentals of Assessment Counseling and
Consulting in Schools (3)
*Elective Course (must consult with advisor)
Practicum in School Counseling (3)
Internship: School Counseling (6)
Total credit needed: 48

In addition, individuals who do not possess a valid Illinois teaching certificate must complete the following courses:
Psychological Theories & the Educational Process
Affective Education
Psychology and Methods of Teaching the
Exceptional Learner