

**CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES**

<http://www.cps.nova.edu>

**Master's Program**

**Master of Science**

**School Counseling**

**Florida State Approved Initial Certification Plan**

<b>NSU ID#:</b>		<b>Home #:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Work #:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	

**Entrance Requirements**

- 1) Complete the admission application packet and submit a \$50.00 non-refundable fee (U.S. dollars) made payable to Nova Southeastern University (NSU).
- 2) Official transcripts from **all** previously attended academic institutions. An official transcript indicating conferral of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution is required.
- 3) A minimum **2.5** cumulative grade point average (CGPA- required for all students).
- 4) Two letters of recommendation from professional and/or educational sources.
- 5) Application essay.
- 6) Copy of a valid FL DOE Professional Educator's Certificate or Waiver Form stating that student does not hold a certificate.

**Coursework Sequence**

	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
1		PYCL 502 Counseling Theories and Practice	3
2		PYCL 504 Counseling Skills	3
3		PYCL 507 Research and Evaluation for Counselors	3
4		PYCL 510 Career Development	3
5		PYCL 512 Human Growth and Development	3
6		PYCL 515 Principles of School Counseling	3
7		PYCL 550 Contemporary Clinical Interventions	3
8		PYCL 560 Appraisal and Evaluation in School Counseling	3
9		PYCL 570 Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues for Counselors	3
10		PYCL 585 Psychology of Exceptional and At-Risk Children	3
11		PYCL 632 Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling	3
12		PYCL 635 Group Theory and Practice	3
13		PYCL 665 School Consultation Skills	3
14		PYCL 685 School Counseling Practicum	3
15		PYCL 688 School Counseling Internship	3
16		PYCL 689 Continuing School Counseling Internship	3
		<b>Total Credits Required for Degree</b>	<b>48</b>
17		* RED 550 Foundations of Reading for Content Area Teachers	3
18		* TSOL 510 Classroom TESOL, Theory and Strategies for Teachers	3
		* Students who do not hold valid Professional Educator's Certificate from the FL Dept. of Education will be required to take these additional 2 courses prior to graduation	<b>54</b>

**Benchmarks**

1. Matriculation after the completion of the first four courses with a grade of "B" or better.
2. Successfully pass the General Knowledge sub-test of the FTCE within the first year of the program and prior to matriculation.
3. Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
4. Be matriculated to be eligible for practicum.
5. Be matriculated and successfully completed the following courses to be eligible for internship:
  - a) PYCL 502 Counseling Theories and Practice
  - b) PYCL 504 Counseling Skills
  - c) PYCL 512 Human Growth and Development
  - d) PYCL 515 Principles of School Counseling
  - e) PYCL 550 Contemporary Clinical Interventions
  - f) PYCL 570 Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues for Counselors
  - g) PYCL 635 Group Theory and Practice
  - h) PYCL 665 School Consultation Skills
  - i) PYCL 685 School Counseling Practicum (**must be completed with a grade of "B" or better**).
6. Complete and file an application for practicum and internship and receive approval prior to registering for these courses.
7. Complete 100 hours of practicum field experience and 600 of internship field experience prior to graduation. These courses must be completed with a grade of "B" or better.
8. Complete all remaining FTCE testing requirements for specialization (Professional Education Test and Guidance and Counseling specialty test)

**Exit Requirements**

1. Satisfactory completion of all course requirements, a portfolio, and all Florida Educator Accomplished Practices
2. Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) – Passing scores on the following areas:
  - a. General Knowledge Test (GK)
  - b. Professional Education Test (PEd)
  - c. Subject Area Exam (SAE) in Guidance and Counseling (PK-12)
3. Degree Application <http://www.nova.edu/registrar/instructions.html>

**IMPORTANT STUDENT NOTICE**

**Students are strongly encouraged to visit the Center for Psychological Studies Policy and Procedures Handbook for degree and program requirements: <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/studentaffairs/forms/ustudenthandbook.pdf>. The student has 5 years to complete degree from first session enrolled. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all certification requirements are met. The program outline is provided to the student based on the current certification area requirements according to the Florida Department of Education at the time of initial enrollment in the program.**

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