2026-27 Academic Year

SCHOOL COUNSELING (PK-12)

Master of Science in Education (MSE)

School counselors combine a passion for helping others with the ability to support students in an educational setting. Wayne State College's master's degree in School Counseling is designed to prepare you for PK–12 school counseling roles and supports the coursework and supervised experiences needed to pursue school counseling endorsement in Nebraska. If you plan to work in another state, we recommend reviewing that state's endorsement and licensure requirements.

This program emphasizes advanced counseling skills, ethical decision-making, and cultural competence, while preparing students to meet the evolving needs of today's schools. Coursework integrates the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) model, student-centered interventions, referral and assessment practices, and strategies for prevention, crisis response, and coordinated student support services.

Through supervised practicum and PK–12 internship experiences in both elementary and secondary settings, students gain real-world preparation and professional mentorship. Graduates leave ready to support student academic success, social-emotional development, and college and career readiness.

fast facts

Credit hours: 60

Cost per credit hour: $340.25 - $427.45 total *(includes fees)*

Degree offered: Master of Science in Education/ School Counseling (PK-12)

Delivery method: Hybrid. Some courses are in person, while others are online (synchronous and/or asynchronous). Your in-person courses will be taken through our low-residency model, a cohort that meets two weekends per semester. These weekends typically have a schedule of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sundays. Location is on campus in Wayne.

Department: Counseling

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- School counseling program development
- Counseling children and adolescents
- Individual and group counseling
- Career and college readiness counseling
- PBIS, MTSS, and behavior intervention strategies
- Supporting diverse learners and special populations
- IEP/504 collaboration and referral processes
- Ethical and professional counseling standards

Possible Careers

- K-12 school counselor
- Elementary school counselor
- Middle school counselor
- High school counselor
- Career readiness counselor
- Student support counselor
- Behavior intervention specialist
- Student services coordinator
- MTSS/PBIS support specialist
- School counseling program director

Types of Employers

- Public schools
- Private schools
- Charter schools
- Educational service units (ESUs)
- State and local education agencies
- Special education and student support organizations
- Alternative education programs
- After-school programs
- Education-focused non-profits

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.

Best College for School Counseling
Wayne State's MSE in School Counseling was recognized as the best student counseling master's degree program in Nebraska based on program quality, graduate success, low student debt, and other factors

Accredited by CACREP
The School Counseling MSE program has received specialized accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), providing assurance that our program meets rigorous standards of excellence.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Degree seeking school counseling students will be required to pass ("satisfactory" or above) the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) to demonstrate mastery of core competencies and Professional School Counselor exams prior to the completion of their last internship.

Counseling core requirements (36 credit hours)

EDU 603 Introduction to Educational Research and Design	3
CSL 541 Dual Diagnosis and Addiction Disorders	3
CSL 547 Multicultural Counseling and Advocacy	3
CSL 575 Psychopathology and Client Adaptations	3
CSL 580 Professional Ethical and Legal Standards of Practice	3
CSL 600 Theories of Counseling	3
CSL 602 Counseling Program Orientation	0
CSL 615 Career Development and Life Planning	3
CSL 625 Theory and Practice of Appraisal	3
CSL 630 Human Development Across the Lifespan	3
CSL 660 Professional Foundations and Counseling Skills	3
CSL 665 Group Counseling	3
CSL 688 Crisis and Trauma Intervention	3
CSL 692 Counseling Program Exit Benchmark	0

School counseling content requirements (24 credit hours)

CSL 641 Counseling Children	3
CSL 647 Comprehensive School Counseling	3
CSL 650 Current Practices in School Counseling with Diverse Populations	3
CSL 662 Supervised Practicum	3
CSL 671 Academic Organization/Administration of Counseling Services	3
CSL 697 Internship in Counseling (PK-8 settings)	3
CSL 697 Internship in Counseling (7-12 settings)	3
SPD 636 Social/Emotional Behavior	3

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